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## CESP plan calls for wilder waterfront

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER  
Households throughout the city have received a brochure detailing a plan for the waterfront, created by the Eastshore State Park (CESP).

tive plan to one created by the Magna Corporation, the owner of Golden Gate Fields. Last week, volunteers blanketed the city with about 5,000 brochures at a cost to CESP of about \$3,500.

"We're in opposition to the Magna plan," said CESP president Robert Cheasty. "We don't want to see that happen. We want to stop that. We think this

(CESP plan) would be an alternative for the waterfront."

The brochure includes a history of the Eastshore State Park and the Albany waterfront, answers questions about the potential future of the park and, through color pictures, shows an aerial view of what the waterfront looks like today and what it could look like in the future.

The Eastshore State Park extends eight miles, from Oakland to Richmond. The Albany portion, west of Interstate 80, consists of open space.

The Magna Corporation, which owns Golden Gate Fields, has proposed 300,000 square feet of commercial, retail and entertainment facilities, a 300,000-square-foot event center and a

100,000-square-foot expansion of the racetrack's simulcast facilities. A parking structure is also proposed. Residents would likely have to vote on the plan for it to go forward under Albany's Measure C, a waterfront protection measure.

CESP and the Sierra Club want to see more park land and less development on the water-

front. CESP's plan, as envisioned in the brochure, includes just 325,000 square feet of development, acting as a buffer between the freeway and the Eastshore Park.

The CESP/Sierra Club planned development would generate \$1.4 million in revenue for

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## 2003, WITH CLASS



**FROM GRADUATIONS:** The El Cerrito High School class of 2003 line up during the graduation ceremony at the Richmond Convention Center in Richmond on Saturday, June 14. Tonight, Robert Diaz and Tiffany Gates trade mortarboards at the start of the Albany High graduation on Friday, June 13. Anna Wong gets a little help with her gown from Serena Le at the start of the Albany High graduation.



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## Veterans building will get old roof back

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

Alameda County placed the roof of the Alameda County Veterans Memorial Building — this time with many of the original tiles.

The project is a response to a survey after workers hired by the county began to dismantle the original Spanish tile roof in 1998, replacing it with shingles.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Memorial Park on

Portland Avenue contacted county officials after the project started, outraged that the county would replace the old tiles on what people are now referring to as a historic building.

The Veterans Memorial Building was erected in the 1920s. Albany City Administrator Beth Pollard said the tiles are important to its integrity.

"The city values the building and recognizes its historical significance in the community and for veterans' organizations," Pol-

lard said. "We're pleased that the county and particularly (Alameda County) Supervisor (Keith) Carson and the general services agency (public works) staff have recognized the mistake that was made and we believe they're working hard to rectify it."

Carson, the county's 5th District supervisor, wrote a letter dated June 13 saying the county made a mistake and will place the original Spanish-style tiles. The project was originally intended to fix the building's leaky

roof.

"Given today's federal and state economy, and its impact on providing services to local government, I am personally saddened at how the Veterans Building issue unfolded and angered about additional public money spent to rectify the issue," he wrote.

The mistake has been expensive.

Alameda County spent

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## City moves forward on Del Norte plan

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city is moving forward on an exclusive negotiating agreement that gives developer Charlie Owel 30 days to submit a conceptual plan for a mixed-use development at the Del Norte BART station.

Thirty days after that, the city will hire an environmental consultant to do an environmental impact report. The report is a necessary step that will take a year or more to complete, city officials say.

Owel, the owner of CFC Corporation, showed the city last spring his plan for 348 residential units, 52,000 square feet of office space and 89,525 square feet of retail space, including a fitness center, at the station.

Owel has an agreement with BART to develop property at the Del Norte station.

The City Council, acting as the redevelopment agency, voted 4-1 at its Monday, June 16, meeting to direct city staff to come back with a completed agreement. They expect to sign the agreement in July.

The negotiating agreement will prevent the city from negoti-

ating with anyone other than Owel or allowing development on a parcel of land the agency owns a block north of the station.

Owel has said that the agency's property and two adjacent parcels — comprising what's known as the Mayfair block — are critical for the Del Norte project to move forward. The Mayfair block is bounded by Knott Avenue, Kearney Street, Cutting Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue.

Under the agreement, Owel's CFC Corporation would be required to submit a development schedule, market feasibility study and documents showing the costs and revenues generated by the project. All of those requirements would be due within 15 days after release of the draft of the environmental report.

Agency member Gina Brusatori voted against the agreement.

Owel's efforts to develop the Del Norte site in the mid 1990s created conflicts within the city, she said.

The process also was flawed in part because of Owel's con-

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany-El Cerrito

## Big plans for the Fourth of July

El Cerrito and Albany are both holding Fourth of July celebrations.

El Cerrito's festivities will be held at the Portola Middle School yard and Cerrito Vista Park, at Moeser Lane and Navellier Street. The public can wander through community exhibits, buy food and arts and crafts, play carnival games, and listen to a variety of live music. The festivities will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call 510-215-4371.

In Albany, the celebrations begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at the Albany Veterans Building and continue with games, entertainment, food booths, pony rides and more at Memorial Park at Portland and Pomona avenues until 4:30 p.m. For details, call 510-559-7220.

## Albany

## Smart Lights helps reduce energy bills

The East Bay Smart Lights Program now offers services and rebates to businesses in Albany. Contact the Smart Lights Program for assistance in reducing your energy bill and installing more efficient and affordable lighting. Call 510-981-8955, ext. 221, e-mail info@smartlights.org or go online at www.smartlights.org. The program is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission and administered by Community Energy Services, a nonprofit, community-based organization.

## Unscripted times with East Bay Improv

East Bay Improv will hold a night of improvised comedy at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Cafe Eclectica, 1309F Solano Ave. The cost is \$5. For more information, call 510-964-0571 or see www.eastbayimprov.com.

## Kids' library activities

The Albany library has planned several activities for children this summer.

Playing "Dinosaur Island," the free summer reading program, young readers can win prizes all summer.

Other programs sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library include:

- The Puppet Company presents Caribbean versions of the Just-So Stories "How the Camel Got His Hump" and "The Elephant's Child," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17;
- The Wildlife Associates bring you face to face with live predators, 10 a.m. Thursday, July 17;
- Kirk Walker, Master Storyteller performs at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 12; and
- Feature-length films for school-age kids screen at 3 p.m. Thursdays, July 10 to Aug. 14.

## El Cerrito

## Blogger will talk to Democratic Club

Marko Zuniga, the Web blogger for www.dailykos.com and a Democratic party activist, will speak at the El Cerrito Democratic Club's next meeting, Tuesday, June 24, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave.

Zuniga has founded several blogs. A graduate of Northern Illinois University and Boston University School of Law, he started the Daily Kos blog in May 2002. It has attracted more than 1.6 million unique site visits and now receives about 400,000 per month.

Zuniga also launched the Political State Report, a collaborative blog tracking politics in all 50 states. Forbes Magazine called Dailykos the best blog on the Iraq war. Other publications consistently rank his site among the top in the country, according to the democratic club.

## Preschoolers can hear stories at library

The summer series of preschool story times at the El Cerrito Library will be held July 8 to Aug. 14. There will be three programs: A baby time lap sit for babies under 2, a toddler time lap sit for ages 2 to 3, and a Picture Book time for preschoolers ages 3 to 5. Baby time will be held Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m., the toddler time will be held Thursday mornings at 11:30 a.m. and the picture book time will meet Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Registration is required for all programs. Register July 1 to 10 by calling the library at 510-526-7512.

## 'Leaving' author comes to library

Author Richard Dry will read from and discuss his novel "Leaving" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. The novel follows three generations of an African-American family, starting in 1959, when a pregnant Ruby Washington and her half-brother travel from a small town in North Carolina to Oakland, where her estranged father takes them in. For information, call 510-526-7512.

## Richmond

## Assembly committee meets in Richmond

The inaugural hearing of the state Assembly's Select Committee on Bridging the Achievement Gap will meet 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 21, at the Richmond City Council Chambers, 2600 Barrett Ave.

The hearing will cover why schools go bankrupt, what current mechanisms are in place to avoid bankruptcies, what happens in a bankruptcy and ideas for how the systems can be improved. A panel of state and local experts will take questions, comments and ideas from the public. The committee acts as an advisory board to the state Assembly Education Committee. For more information, call Assemblywoman Loni Hancock's office at 510-559-1406.

## ALBANY POLICE

## Monday, June 9

■ **CAR BREAK-IN** — Thieves entered a light blue Toyota Corolla parked on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue by breaking the window, and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

## Tuesday, June 10

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into an '01 Volkswagen Passat on the 900 block of Ordway Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **PROWLER** — At about 4 a.m. a resident on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue reported being awakened and seeing a bearded subject in his 30s wearing a dark cap, looking through her bedroom window and using a lighter to see better. He was gone when officers arrived. At about 5:30 that afternoon the resident reported seeing the subject standing at the corner of Fifth and Camelia streets in Berkeley. The 65-year-old man was arrested for burglary and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident on the 700 block of Kains Avenue observed what appeared to be subjects breaking into a building on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 8:30 p.m. Officers arrested a 35-year-old Richmond man for burglary. He was cited and transported to the Santa Rita Jail.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — At about 9 p.m. a resident on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that between noon and 3 p.m. that day thieves broke into her home and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers stopped a blue '84 Mercedes on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 35-year-old Richmond man was found to have an outstanding warrant from Milpitas for burglary and probation violations. He was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail. His vehicle was towed.

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■ **BURGLARY** — During the night thieves broke into a business on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue.

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — At about 10 a.m. a resident on the 800 block of San Carlos Street reported that his son was being mentally and physically abusive towards him and he had placed his son under Citizen's Arrest. Officers booked the 16-year-old boy for battery and a minor committing a crime and transported him to Juvenile Hall.

## Thursday, June 12

■ **VANDALS** — At about 3 a.m. officers discovered that vandals had destroyed about 15 new trees, spray painted walls, broke windows and destroyed a flag at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard. There were no witnesses.

■ **BURGLARY** — Thieves broke into a warehouse on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue during the night.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers stopped a blue '84 Mercedes on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 35-year-old Richmond man was found to have an outstanding warrant from Milpitas for burglary and probation violations. He was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail. His vehicle was towed.

## Friday, June 13

■ **DRUG OVERDOSE** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers and paramedics responded to a residence on the 700 block of San Carlos Street on reports that the caller's friend was on the floor and not breathing due to an overdose. Officers arrested the caller, a 33-year-old Pennsylvania man, for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. He was cited and released.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — Unknown

## Saturday, June 14

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1986 Honda Accord was taken from the 2200 block of Carquinez Avenue between 7:30 p.m. on June 7 and 12:30 a.m. that evening.

## Sunday, June 8

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A gray 1989 Toyota pickup truck was taken from the 7400 block of Terrace Drive between 3 and 11:14 p.m.

## Monday, June 9

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1992 green Honda Civic was taken from in front of Barnes & Noble between 7 and 8:59 p.m. while the owner was in the store.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 54-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Walgreen's at 5 p.m. The man attempted to exit the store after stealing a backpack and putting other stolen items inside.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A green 1993 Honda Accord was taken from Central Avenue near Kearney Street between 7 and 10:30 p.m.

■ **ROBBERY** — A suspended student is suspected of robbing another student of a wallet at El Cerrito High School at gunpoint at 2:30 p.m. The suspect, arrested June 12, was possibly armed with a BB gun and wore a ski mask. The victim's wallet was later found at the school missing \$6 and a vehicle learner's permit.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1992 Honda Civic was recovered on the 400 block of Kearney Street. The vehicle had been taken from El Cerrito Plaza.

■ **BURGLARY** — Jewelry and other property worth a total of \$50,950 was stolen from a home on the 100 block of Carmel Avenue between 7:50 a.m. and 7:50 p.m. The home was entered by breaking through a wall in a crawl-

thieves stole items from a white '99 Toyota Corolla parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **CAR BREAK-IN** — During the day unknown thieves burglarized a white Toyota pickup parked on the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue.

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — A resident on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that unknown thieves stole tools that were at the side of his house.

## Saturday, June 14

■ **VANDALS** — During the night unknown vandals broke the window of a white '97 Toyota Corolla parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. They did not appear to take anything.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a '98 Toyota Camry parked on the 700 block of Kains Avenue during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a green Volkswagen Jetta parked on the 700 block of Madison Street by smashing a window and stole the in-dash stereo. There were no witnesses.

■ **KEYING** — Vandals scratched two vehicles, both gold Toyota Siennas, parked on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Unknown thieves stole an unlocked bike from a storage shed in the rear yard of a residence on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **NO-BAIL WARRANT** — Officers responded to a bar on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue because a woman, who had been told on previous occasions not to return, was at the bar. The 48-year-old Berkeley woman was found to have a no-bail warrant from Berkeley for grand theft auto. She was arrested and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

## Sunday, June 15

■ **CARS EGGED** — About 1:45 a.m. a resident on the 700 block of John-

son Street reported that he had just egged her 1999 Dodge Dart on the 900 block of Cleveland Avenue. The vandals were gone when he arrived.

■ **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. a man near Gilman and San Carlos for erratic driving. The year-old Oakland man was intoxicated. He was arrested and released.

■ **GRAND THEFT AUTO** — A woman reported that she had stolen her red Toyota Camry parked on the 900 block of Madison Avenue during the night. She was arrested and released.

■ **BURGLARS APPEARED** — About 3:45 a.m. officers responded to a green 1993 Chevrolet Malibu on the 1200 block of Madison Avenue and Pierce Street. The driver, a 22-year-old man, and the passenger, a 21-year-old man, were arrested and released.

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## Great pipes

**ING PIPES**, that is. They'll be invisible once the new pool is built at the El Cerrito Community Center. Earlier this month they were still in the open, being worked on here by Jose Martinez of the Commercial Pool. The construction project is expected to be done in the fall.

## Richmond pulls plug on arts center plan

Becca Rosen Lum  
STAFF WRITER

**CHMOND** — The prospect of a new arts and entertainment center to draw people to the city and nurture area arts has quietly died. The City Council pulled the plug on Tuesday night, after a development group had been in the city for its complex in the historic building on Harbour Way. The massive brownstone, which books the Port of Richmond, would have housed a mix of studios, offices and light entertainment. An interactive museum and visitors center for the city's Riveter World War II shipyard was in the plans. The group's vision would have spawned a dynamic new culture in Richmond, much as the high-tech industry recreated Santa Clara County as Silicon Valley.

cently, Simeon Properties/Cherokee LLC pulled out, citing a lack of confidence in the group's business model.

The council refused to wait another two weeks while the partners firm up plans with new financial partners Mariposa Properties and McMorgan Co. "It's been nine months since they originally defaulted," said Vice Mayor Mindell Penn. "We cannot continue to give them 30 days here, 30 days there, two weeks here, two weeks there. It's time to paint or get off the ladder."

Before the meeting, Ethan Silva, Assembly Plant Partners chairman, voiced confidence that the vote would swing in favor of his group. He was not reachable afterward.

Councilman Jim Rogers said the group's vision would have spawned a dynamic new culture in Richmond, much as the high-tech industry recreated Santa Clara County as Silicon Valley. "It was a vision for a very real, extremely powerful arts engine that could attract others to Richmond," he said. "There were extensive plans for interacting with Richmond schools, the Richmond Art Center, bringing a whole set

of businesses, a whole set of jobs that otherwise do not exist here."

Councilwoman Maria Viramontes, an antagonist since the contract was awarded in July 2002, praised the group's "magnificent vision" but said it offered too many risks. She said it imperiled \$20 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency money by failing to have its backers on board by a required deadline.

Both Anderson and Councilman Gary Bell, a mortgage banker who leads the council's finance committee, denied that.

"Those are not the facts of this project," Bell said. "There never was a risk on this project at all. Not at all. I have the political will to stick with the decision I made before."

In fact, the partners could rise from the ashes. Bidding will reopen — hopefully, including a Boise, Idaho-based hockey team, are already deluging the city with proposals — and they can pitch their project again.

## 'Bad kids' make good at memorial

**EVERY DAY**, Keith Truax of Albany would walk by the corner of Key Route and Solano, and what he saw would bring him close to tears.

The Flame of Freedom sculpture, which has graced that corner since 1953, was buried under years and years of weeds that had become an impenetrable thicket. And the spotlight that illuminated the nearby flagpole at night was burned out.

"That's a violation of flag etiquette," says Truax, a 20-year Navy veteran who served from 1946 to 1966. "The flag is never supposed to fly in the dark. The whole place looked like a vacant lot. It just about broke my heart."

For years, Truax went to City Council meetings and begged them to clean up the site. "They kept promising," he says, "but somehow they never got around to doing it."

Then one day last April he walked by and noticed a dozen teenagers swarming over the site. On their own, they had decided to clean it up.

They labored every day for two months, swinging pickaxes to cut the thicket, breaking up concrete-hard clumps of clay, laying new topsoil and planting new plants donated by Annie's Annuals in Richmond. As a final touch, the flagpole spotlight was replaced.

The refurbished Flame of Freedom was unveiled June 4. The youngsters celebrated with a little party, including a cake reading, "You really made a difference."

Mayor Jewel Okawachi read an official proclamation, but she was really there as a pri-



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

vate citizen to express her gratitude. "My brother was killed in World War II," she told them. "Thanks to you, his memory won't be forgotten any longer."

What really surprised Truax was when a passerby told him these were considered "bad kids."

Actually, they're not bad kids at all; they're very good kids who have gotten an undeserved bad rap.

They're students at MacGregor High School, a 40-student accredited alternative high school nestled in the old art wing at Oceanview Elementary School.

MacGregor is for children who have fallen through the cracks of the educational system.

Some are victims of terrible situations at home. Some are so poor, they have to work for a living, leaving little time for school. Some are simply right-brained people in a left-brained world; they're not so good at standardized tests, but they can make wonderful things with their hands. And some are borderline geniuses who think too far out-of-the-box for conventional schools to deal with.

Whatever reason brought them to MacGregor, they have one thing in common: They've had fingers pointed at them all their lives.

All their lives they've been called "bad kids" and told they'll never amount to anything — not only by the education system, but by other kids, too. You know how stupidly cruel children can be.

But at MacGregor, they're treated with respect. And often, that's all it takes. Brooke Turpin, who graduated from MacGregor two years ago, was getting D's and F's at her old school, where she was labeled a hopeless case.

Then she transferred to MacGregor, where she pulled a straight-A average for the rest of her high-school career. She's currently getting a 3.5 at City College of San Francisco, and she's transferring to Cal in the fall.

Only now is it beginning to dawn on her that her options are virtually limitless. It's truly moving to watch her transformation into a confident young woman. And it's frightening to think how close she came to being thrown away.

So don't call them "bad kids" around Keith Truax — not if you don't want a fight on your hands. "These kids are the greatest!" he says. "Everybody else talked and talked, but they went out and did it."

P.S. Many MacGregor students are still looking for summer jobs. So if you want to hire a "bad kid," call PTA President Wendy Wells at 510-526-0506.

That "bad kid" could be the best you ever hired.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail [msnapp@cctimes.com](mailto:msnapp@cctimes.com).

## Pit bulls too often blamed unfairly

**"PIT BULLS GET a bad rap"** says Brock "Beetowne" Sudduth. He owns and has owned pit bull dogs for many years, has loved them and has bred them for others to enjoy.

Sudduth is very emphatic about the desirability of pit bull terriers as pets, including in families with children. He says they love children and are very good with them.

"It is the people," Sudduth says. "If they are trained right and are handled right, they are the gentlest of dogs."

Sudduth traces the dogs from their beginnings in Saffordshire, England. In 1879 in Saffordshire, someone cross bred a Dalmatian and a bulldog. That became the pit bull terrier, acknowledged by the American Dogbreeders Association, the United Kennel Club and the American Terrier Association. However, the American Kennel Club does not acknowledge them.

Sudduth says he took a liking to them from the time he had his first pit bull, in 1978. "A trained pit bull can be the best dog you could ever have," he says, and speaks of how his nephews, then 9 and 10 years old, even rode his dog, Bomber, like a horse. They are strong, muscular animals, he says, and can handle the children well.

When coaching youth basketball teams, Sudduth says he often brings his dogs with him. The youngsters love having



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

them there and are not afraid to run past them or do any of the things that are supposed to "bug" the dogs.

Sudduth has always been a dog lover, and started breeding German shepherds. But when he got his first pit bull, he was sold. The dog even climbed trees with him, he says. They swim underwater, even catch rocks underwater. He bought his first pit bull after seeing some in the dog park near him.

He looked them up to find out more about them, and liked what he saw. His first pit bull he found to be athletic and aggressive, but "I toned him down," he says.

He speaks of training the animals and says, "I don't let them walk me, I walk them. I teach them to heel, stay, sit, and I give them lots of exercise."

His discipline includes teaching them just what they can do and what they cannot do. Then comes house training, which includes keeping them on a schedule, and leash training.

"Do not keep them tied up," he says, and of course, that applies to all dogs.

Speaking of breeding the

dogs he says, "When I sell one, I give the new owner information on training: what food to feed them, what vitamins, and I suggest a veterinarian."

How did he start breeding dogs? "I trained them so well," he says, "that people wanted dogs from the same blood line."

All the training, he says, is all-important with these dogs. Because they are strong, muscular and aggressive to other dogs, they must be trained to become pets. They are very affectionate, he says, and respond well to training.

The Albany resident was born in Berkeley, graduated from Sacramento State University, and went to work for an uncle in Oakland. It hurts him, he says, to see the many stories in the press of aggression by pit bulls.

Some people do train them that way, and it is a tragedy. It is the people, he says, not the dogs, who cause the problems. "They are wonderful dogs, wonderful pets," he says, and hopes that this column can convey that message.

Brock Sudduth can be reached at 510-237-0227.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? Write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is [crgenser@aol.com](mailto:crgenser@aol.com).

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JACK BOSTER will be officially sworn in today as El Cerrito's new postmaster.

# Postmaster to be sworn in

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — From 1976 to 1979, Jack Boster was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea. When the ship was at sea, the Navy would fly him to San Diego, where he collected the mail for the others serving on the carrier.

It was his earliest experience delivering the mail, but it wouldn't be his last. He'll be sworn in as postmaster of the El Cerrito post office today.

"It's a prestigious honor to become a postmaster," said Boster, 46. "That was a goal I set in life a long time ago when I started with the Postal Service."

Boster will oversee three El Cerrito postal facilities, and 57 employees, including 38 letter carriers, 15 clerks and three supervisors. More than 1 million pieces of mail are delivered in El Cerrito each week, under a \$1.8 million budget.

Boster was a mechanic for 15 years before he became a letter carrier in the small town of Gillespie, Ill., in 1986.

The work was difficult at first, Boster said.

"You use muscles you never used before," he said. "And all of sudden it clicks and you got it and it becomes easy and you go from there."

Carriers learn about the different kinds of mail, the proper way to deliver it, and how to deliver it promptly. Carriers take every shortcut they can, Boster said, and learn to deal with safety hazards, including menacing dogs.

He requested a transfer to California because the small department in Gillespie offered only

## CEREMONY

Jack Boster will be sworn in as El Cerrito Postmaster today, at 11 a.m., at the El Cerrito main post office, 11135 San Pablo Ave.

part-time work.

In 1988, Boster transferred to the Pinole post office. From there, he rose in the ranks, became a supervisor in El Cerrito in 1995, then was delivery program support for the Oakland district, which covers 34 cities from Calistoga to Byron to El Cerrito.

He served as officer-in-charge at Benicia's post office for 15 months and at Napa's for five months.

He was appointed El Cerrito postmaster last December.

The Oakland district ranks fifth in the nation for delivery speed. Boster said he works with employees and the city to make sure everyone is happy with the postal service.

But it's not always easy. Long

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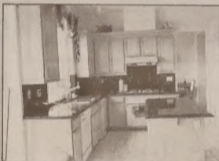
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June 13, 2003

I apologize to the citizens of Albany and residents of Alameda County for the fiasco relating to the Albany Veterans Memorial building. On May 28th the General Services Agency started a major maintenance project on the Veterans Memorial building. As a part of this maintenance, the County of Alameda, in error, removed the original tiles at the Veterans Memorial building and replaced them. I acknowledge this mistake and am putting the full power of my office behind remedying the situation and replacing the original tiles, admittedly at great additional cost. I have historically supported the preservation of our historical landmarks and our County recognizes and is committed to preserving and maintaining all of our historical buildings and sites.

As a public servant and Chair of Alameda County's Budget Committee, I am acutely aware of how we spend taxpayers' money. Given today's federal and state economy, and its impact on providing services to local government, I am personally saddened at how the Veterans Building issue unfolded and angered about additional public money spent to rectify the issue.

Alameda County receives 50 percent of our operating revenue from the Federal and State government. To date, we have a \$112,600,000 deficit. We have closed North County Jail, are in the process of closing nine community health clinics, terminating 300 positions, renegotiating contracts with our labor partners, and causing increased hardships to our already hard working employees.

No level of County government is being spared in our budget deliberations. As an elected official, I have taken the first step cutting deep into my office account including to date losing two valued employees. My colleagues on the Board and the County Administrator have currently eliminated over \$13,000,000 alone in our efforts to first and foremost continue to provide direct services to County residents.

This is drastic when one considers County government provides services to 14 cities and 1,400,000 County residents in the areas of: Behavioral Health Care, Public Health, Environmental Health, Social Services, Public Works, Probation, the Registrar of Voters, and Tax Collection to name a few. Every economist has forecast that California is at the doorstep of bad economic times.

Given the County's statutory mandate to oversee the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, and that there is an increased demand for these vital services, I and the County take it seriously the fact that we must watch every penny closely.

Our action regarding the Veterans Memorial Building was a major error, and we are paying deeply for our mistakes. I ensure that we will take the necessary steps to ensure that we will not betray the confidence of the people in the future.

Sincerely,

*Keith Carson*

Keith Carson, Vice-President  
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place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510  
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ternet, e-mail, web search,  
and the library's online catalog and  
more. Classes are free of charge.  
Saturday mornings from 10-11  
a.m. Details: 510-626-7512 to sign up.

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agement classes are offered in Albany  
for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m.  
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week on Tuesday evenings at the  
Alameda Cancer Resource Center,  
1414 El Cerrito Ave. The free group is  
for people who have a parent or care-  
er cancer. The meeting is co-fa-  
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ent Groups meet the first Saturday of  
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ter at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley.  
Donations are requested, but not re-  
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gram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center**  
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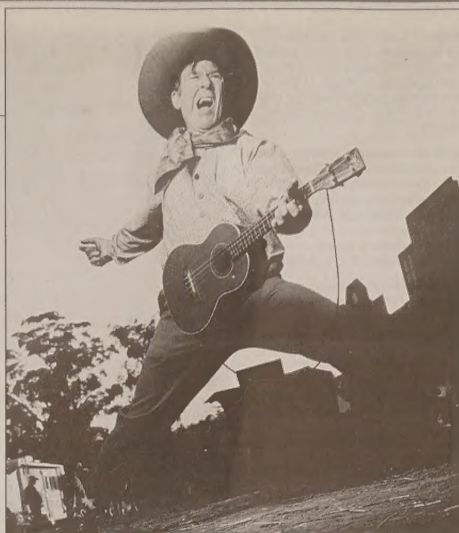
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■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shat-  
tuck Ave., presents "Discussion: Zoot  
Suit Riots," at 7:30 p.m. June 26. In  
1943, Los Angeles experienced race ri-  
ots as servicemen attacked the Chicano  
communities of East Los Angeles. Panel  
includes Jose Montoya, Dr. Jose Cuellar  
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■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Comput-**  
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■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600  
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sage several days before you would like

to meet. Anne Levine has a background  
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■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Ser-**

vices presents a new series of free  
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ing classes. The classes give basic,  
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partment's Emergency Operations Cen-  
ter, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open  
to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or  
works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film  
Archive offers a guided tour of Equal  
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Contemporary Architectural Practice pre-  
sented by graduate students from the  
UC Berkeley Department of Architecture,  
College of Environmental Design on al-  
ternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and  
on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fri-  
days at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Com-  
munity Church in Berkeley, Albany,  
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enues, in Room 2—the child-care  
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■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up  
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■ **SMART project**; the Alcohol Research  
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ment: medical model day treatment and  
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■ **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic  
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needed for morning and afternoon  
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■ **Poet Kirk Lumpkin** hosts a "Sun Day:  
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Participants include poet Adam David Miller, with Gael Alcock, cello; nurse poet, gardener Rita Flores Bogaert; poet David Shaddock; activist and poet Carolyn Scarr; poet Steve Armstrong; and Dennis Fritzinger. For more information, call 510-231-5912.

■ **John F. Kennedy University Arts and Consciousness Gallery**, 2nd floor, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, continues its Masters of Fine Arts and Masters of Transformative Arts exhibit entitled "Graduate Exhibition 2003," through July 3. A reception takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight June 20. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 510-649-0499.

■ **The XV Group**, 2707 Eighth St., presents "Summer Art Show at the Nexus Gallery," featuring sculpture, paintings and works on paper by eleven Bay Area artists, through June 29. Hours: Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5 p.m. Artists include: Bonnie Mager, Chuck Overton, Pablo Tellez, Rick Beaubien, Judith Brownfield, Larry Bendoski, Nell Haskell, James Hartman, Shirley McNeal, Sandie Huston, and Eva Goodwin. For more information, call 549-0703.

■ **Photolab Gallery**, 2235 Fifth St., continues its exhibit of black and white photographs by **East Bay photographer Andy Stewart** through July 19. A reception for the artist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 14. For more information, call 510-644-1400 or Andy Stewart at 510-849-1765.

■ **ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., exhibition of works by **Tony Natsoulas** through July 14. Natsoulas, who earned a Master of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Arts from UC Davis, comes from a pop art perspective and is positioned solidly in the California Funk Movement. Details: 510-843-2527.

■ **A.C.C.I. Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents "Midstream," photographs by four Bay Area Artists through June 21. The exhibition features artists Catherine Adams Stone, Alex Ambrose, Barbara Bobes, and Dafnia Kory. Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Closed. For more details call 510-843-2527.

■ **Celadon Fine Teas**, 1111 Solano Ave., Albany, presents the exhibit "Verve and Spontaneity: The Art of ChitFu Yu" through June 22. Hours: Wednesday through Thursday 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Innovative landscapes and powerful forms, painted in broad, bold brush strokes in the manner of Chinese calligraphy, a true interpretation of Eastern tradition meeting contemporary Western abstraction. Details: 510-524-1696.

■ **El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio** ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Students will have chance to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

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■ **Katie's Dance Studio** in El Cerrito presents "Showtime 2003," June 20, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. Dancers ranging in ages from 3 to over 55, perform tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, acrobatic and dances. For more information about show times and purchasing tickets call 510-524-1310 or 925-229-2695.

■ **Dance to the swinging sounds of Afro-Cuban Dance** music with Jesus Diaz y Su GBZ at 9:30 p.m. June 28, at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Admission: \$12. For more information, call 510-849-2568.

■ **Actors Ensemble of Berkeley**, the city's oldest stage company completes its 46th season with "The Bacchae," at 5:30 p.m. June 21, outdoors at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park, off The Arlington at Southampton Avenue and Somerset Place. Performances continue through July 6. Free admission. For more information, call 510-525-1620 or visit the Web site at [www.aeofberkeley.org](http://www.aeofberkeley.org).

■ **Central Works Theater Ensemble** continues its production of "The Wyrd Sisters," a comedy, through July 13, at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., and July 25 through Aug. 10, at the Thlick House, 1695 18th St., San Francisco. Dinner is available in the Berkeley City Club Dining Room before the show on Thursdays and Saturdays. Theatre tickets: \$8-20 sliding scale. For more information, call 510-558-1381. For dinner reservations call 510-848-7900.

## Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Lecture/workshop

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: Don, 510-525-3565 or [www.berkeleyscameraclub.org](http://www.berkeleyscameraclub.org).

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■ **Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. 848-6370.

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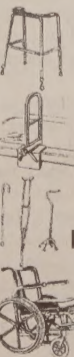


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## Literary Events

- **The El Cerrito Library**, 6510 Stockton Ave., presents local author Richard Dry at 7 p.m. June 24. Dry, an El Cerrito resident, will discuss his novel, "Leaving." The novel follows three generations of an African-American family starting in 1959. For more information, call 510-526-7512.
- **Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Bellevue, at Ashby, Free. For more information, call 610-644-6880; or 525-1533.
- **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability

that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

## Meetings/Lectures

- City of Albany holds a public meeting regarding **Cerrito Creek Connector Trail** at 7 p.m. June 25, at the City of Albany Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Call 528-5760 for more information.
- Berkeley Gray Panthers hosts a meeting "**Crisis in the Schools: What Can Be Done?**" at 1:30 p.m. June 25, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley. Participants include Terry Doran, Berkeley school board member and teacher Jonah Zern of Education Not Incarceration. For more information, call 510-548-9697.
- **Kol Hadash** is the Bay area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with

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- **Berkeley Camera Club** meet every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. For details call Don at 510-525-3565 or visit the Web site at [www.berkeley\\_camera.club.org](http://www.berkeley_camera.club.org).
- **Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet mouse skills, email, web

searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

## Miscellany

- **Kol Hadash** presents a **Family Shabbat** with Rabbi Kai Eckstein "Celebrating Our Jewishness" noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday June 21, at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. At its first Brown Bag Shabbat, there will be songs and stories celebrating Jewish ancestors. Bring your family, and meet your Kol Hadash family. Bring lunch for your family, and (finger) dessert to share. At 7:30 p.m. June 27, "Empowerment" Shabbat with Rabbi Kai Eckstein, takes place at the center. Bring something to share for the Oneg, and non-perishable food for the needy. Call 510-428-1492.
- **Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

- Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.
- **Improve your speaking skills** by attending **Berkeley Communicators'** Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.
- **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

## Music

- **Jazz singer Suzanne Pittson** performs at 8 p.m. June 27 at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Pittson is noted for her scattling, technical accuracy, creativity, and her broad improvisational vocabulary. Admission: \$12 advance, \$14 at the door. 510-849-2568.
- **Baroque Choral Guild** holds Guild Chorus auditions: 7 to 10 p.m. June 25, at the Lutheran Church of The Cross, 1744 University Ave. Berkeley. For more information, call 650-969-4095 or visit the Web site at [sonja@beg.org](http://sonja@beg.org).
- **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

## Outdoors

- **The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.
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- **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.
- **University of California Botanical Garden** holds a free sick plant clinic the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Details: 510-643-2755.
- **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library.) Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.
- **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.
- **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 845-8542 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).
- **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be used to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and introductory and advanced computer classes. Details: 644-6130.

- **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.
- **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalanjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.
- **Life Stories/ Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830.
- **Dance and Fitness Classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, the-ater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning at the WYCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. 848-6370.
- **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

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## EL CERRITO COUNCIL ROUNDUP

The city will lose \$800,000 to \$900,000 in revenues earmarked for street repair because the council has repealed the city's property-transfer tax.

By a 5-0 vote and with little discussion at its Monday, June 16, meeting, the council repealed the tax after resident Steve Magary pointed out that it may be illegal.

Financial services manager Brian Foster said the money generated by the tax went primarily to street repair.

"The loss of \$800,000 to \$900,000 would make a significant dent in our available budget," he said.

City officials questioned about the legality of the tax were referred to city attorney Janet Coleson. Coleson said she was unable to give any information because it was privileged information between her as city attorney and the council. Most Bay Area cities and counties charge a so-called transfer tax when property changes hands.

The council is scheduled to vote again on whether to pass the ordinance repeal July 21. If approved, it will go into effect 30 days after the second vote.

Resident Ross Tobia successfully fought paying the assessed \$330.56 fee for a city business license.

According to a city staff report, Tobia paid \$330.56 for the license on May 6. But he stopped payment on his check and requested a hearing before the City Council appealing the cost. In his appeal, Tobia wrote that he didn't have a home office until March of this year and generated less than \$8,300 from his home business. Therefore, the amount assessed was incorrect.

Foster said Tobia, a park and recreation commission member, refused to discuss the matter with city staff and applied directly for a hearing before the council. In his appeal, Tobia argued that he owed just \$30 for a home-occupation permit and \$25 for the stop-payment.

After some discussion, the council agreed.

"I don't understand why this is going on and I'd like to resolve it quickly and move on to other items," Mayor Mark Friedman said.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson and Sandi Potter will serve on a newly created council subcommittee that will update the process of applying to join city boards and commissions and will focus the groups' activities.

"This has been on our to-do list for a year," said City Manager Scott Hanin.

The city's boards and com-

missions act as advisory groups to the El Cerrito City Council.

Residents Al Miller and Peter Loubal pleaded with the council to hold the subcommittee meetings in public and to publicize the meetings so the public can participate.

Hanin said it hasn't been decided whether the meetings will be open to the public.

"We haven't even figured out what the work product is going to be and the work plan is going to be," he said. "And that's something we're probably going to sit down and develop over the next month or so."

Councilwoman Janet Abelson invited the public to participate in National Night Out, a night of block parties and social gatherings intended for people to get to know one another. The local version is sponsored by the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.

"It is Aug. 5, and if you're interested in hosting an event call the crime-prevention committee at 510-215-4414, ext. 30," said Abelson, who wore a National Night Out baseball cap that she later removed.

Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore said she would be unable to attend because she would be celebrating her grandmother's 91st birthday.

## Eastshore

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the city, more than the \$800,000 the area currently generates, according to CESP.

The CESP plan also envisions the waterfront without the Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

Cheasty said CESP has not taken an official position on whether the racetrack should stay in Albany, though he's confident it will eventually disappear.

Horse racing isn't as profitable as it used to be, he said. He pointed to Magna's effort to build a track in Dixon (Solano County), as a sign that the company is not that interested in retaining live horse racing in Albany.

"I think the issue is, people have to be patient and just say no to the track," added Norman La Force, chairman of the Sierra Club's East Bay Public Lands Committee. "And we can work a deal and give Albany revenue that increases the revenue stream and completes the park."

City officials aren't sure. City Administrator Beth Pollard said Magna has given the city every indication that it intends to keep the Albany racetrack. The CESP plan would also require buying park land. "People have different desires and frankly, that's what it comes down to," she said. "What do people want to experience at the waterfront? Do they want it to be all as natural as possible? And if so, who's going to pay for that?" Albany Councilman Allan

Maris also questioned the CESP plan, saying it lacks detail about how to get in and out of the area.

"It would be nice to see park land down there, but it's not clear to me that what they proposed for the community would work," Maris said. "It's not clearly defined."

"It's an interesting start," he added. "I'm willing to look at it."

Cheasty admitted the plan lacks specifics but said it was more important to envision what the park should look like and then work to achieve those goals. He added that park land could be purchased through county and city bond measures. Cheasty said the city could also negotiate a deal for Magna to sell its land to CESP at a greatly reduced cost.

Meanwhile, the city has held two meetings at which residents talked about what they want to see on the waterfront. The meetings have been funded by Magna but are officially sponsored by the city.

Members of CESP and the Sierra Club held a meeting to discuss the future of the waterfront Monday, June 16, after Magna canceled the city's public meeting scheduled that night. The next city-sponsored waterfront meeting will likely be held in September.

"CESP has been huge in getting us that (Eastshore) park, so they should have significant role in developing the waterfront," Maris said. "Just as the private property owner should (have a role); i.e. Magna."

## Del Norte

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tributions to Councilwoman Sandi Potter's election campaign last November, Brusatori said. It created questions about whether Oewel influenced the agency votes.

"I have to say, after all these years, if this is the best BART can come up with ... it's a pity all around," she said.

Agency vice chairwoman Potter said she was in favor of the project and open to development on San Pablo Avenue.

"I support this and I'm dis-

couraged that we're rehashing again the election," she said, adding that her campaign records were public and there was no "payback."

The other members agreed with Potter's sentiments and voted for the agreement.

Agency member Mark Friedman said there's been a lot of "push-pull" on the project — times when it was moving forward and other times when it was on hiatus.

"Now we're at a point where we need to see if we have a project or not by Charlie and his team," Friedman said.

## Tiles

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\$33,000 for the original roof replacement and another \$42,000 to buy the tiles back. The county intends to buy new tiles — about 15 percent of the total — to replace the ones that were broken and must award a new contract to do a new roof replacement project, Carson said.

The county currently has a \$112.6 million deficit.

"It was our mistake, shouldn't have done it, we should've done better," Carson said. "And unfortunately some community-based services will indirectly suffer the consequences."

Pollard said the county will go out to bid for the replacement project July 9, award a contract Aug. 7 and anticipates completion Sept. 30.

At its Monday, June 16 meeting, the Albany City Council directed staff to look into the possibility of purchasing the Veterans Building.

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## New music, urns: What's to like at chapel concert?

By Martin Snapp  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

A pianist playing with her elbows. A professional whistler whistling Bach cantatas. A chamber trio playing instruments made from a giant cactus.

They're all part of the unusual annual concert titled "Garden of Memory," which takes place Saturday at a most unusual location: the Chapel of the Chimes columbarium in north Oakland, a building with niches for urns containing the ashes of the dead.

The Chapel of the Chimes was designed in 1922 by the great architect Julia Morgan. She filled it with gardens, cloisters, alcoves, stairwells, fountains, chapels, vaulted ceilings

## PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Garden of Memory," a concert featuring new music on unusual instruments

■ **WHERE:** Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland (entrance to Mountain View Cemetery)

■ **WHEN:** 5 p.m. Saturday

■ **TICKETS:** \$10, \$5 for students, seniors or low-income

■ **CONTACT:** 415-563-6355, Ext. 3

and above all, stained glass — not just windows but skylights, too. The interiors shimmer with a ballet of constantly changing colors.

Twenty-five different performances will take place simultaneously in 25 different rooms. Listeners will walk from room to room at their own pace, taking in as much or as little of each act as they like.

"It's a concert of new music," said Berkeley pianist Sarah Cahill, who is curating the event. "But no one looks at it that way. If you just come across Miguel Frascino playing glass instruments or Brenda Hutchinson blowing into a 9½-foot tube, you can just take these performances as they are, without preconceptions about liking or disliking avant-garde music. You just accept it on the spot."

In the Chimes Chapel, Cahill will play "Reel: Homage to Henry Cowell" by the late Lou Harrison, which the composer scored to be played with the elbows.

In the Chapel of St. Luke, professional whistler Jason Serinus of Oakland, who was recently inducted into the Whistlers Hall of Fame, will whistle airs by Bach, Mozart, Irving Berlin and Rodgers & Hammerstein, as well as "Woodstock's Song" by Puccini. "It's an inside joke," said Serinus, who was the voice of Woodstock in the "Peanuts" television specials.

In the Garden of St. John, Albany cellist Elaine Kreston and her friends Ray Regan and Scott Railback will play instruments Regan made from a single, 40-foot agave plant.

"He made a low-pitched drum out of the base, a one-of-a-kind stringed instrument called an 'Agavator' out of the midsection, and an extra-long didgeridoo out of the top part," said Kreston. "The Agavator has a beautifully mysterious tone that doesn't sound like anything other than itself."

Flutist Maggi Payne, professor of music at Mills College, will perform gamelan-type music on bamboo fishing poles. Luciano Chessa, assistant director of the UC Davis Gospel Choir, will play a musical saw. Koto player Miya Masaoka will play Duke Ellington tunes on a rare 25-string koto, one of only two in the world.

In the Garden of Gentleness, electronic composer Christi Denton of Berkeley will mix samples of sounds made by women working at their jobs,



PIANIST SARAH CAHILL is curating "Garden of Memory" concert on Saturday featuring 25 simultaneous performances in rooms at the Chapel of the Chimes.

including a zookeeper, bus driver, BART train driver, grocery store pageant winner, politician, homemaker and a doctor.

And in the Garden of St. Paul, Dan Plonsey of El Cerrito will walk under a blanket — literally. "I'll be under the whole time while I perform," he said.

"Meanwhile, my friend Graham will play the shakuhachi, a Japanese bamboo flute, in the Garden of Mischa, in plucking and collapsing them onto themselves."

For some of the musicians, the event is extremely personal. Berkeley composer Letitia Moore will be performing electronic music in the Chapel of Patience, where her parents' ashes are interred. Plonsey will be playing the shakuhachi, a Japanese bamboo flute, in the Garden of Mischa, where the ashes of his late wife, Sperry, were interred just last year when he was hit by a truck while on his way to work, leaving a wife and a child.

"We both knew our friends would be cut short, but we never knew it would be so soon. Matt, Dan and I together at last year's Garden of Memory he'll be on all our minds this year."

This will be the sixth annual "Garden of Memory" concert. It is produced by a group of musicians themselves called "Garden of Memory." Though it does virtually no advertising, the event has grown every year. Last year's concert drew more than 1,000; even more are expected this year. "The event goes way beyond the music," Cahill says. "What's wonderful about the architecture is that it tells us that we don't necessarily need to be mortals. It's someone's life and all that belongs to us without making it into a tragedy."

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# Real Estate & Home

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Section B

## Isabel and friends: moving experience

October 2000, Nina, a series of true experi-

Isabel many months ago sold the house that her husband had bought before. Alone now, she made the decision to move her sis-

her main worry at the start was to do with the contents of the house. Isabel's several work-

Isabel and friends contacted to buy tools. Family members selected items they

Finally a sale was organized over a weekend, a lot of things were purchased and re-

Isabel and Ann and friends through and boxed up everything to be given to charity.

and a hauler to take more about this time that Isabel, Nina, came from her

Oregon to help. Thank

goodness for Nina who threw her able self into assisting her aunt in every way she could. For six weeks, Nina directed the action. Closets were gone through, things tossed and recycled. China was packed, antiques were set aside for family. Together, Nina



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True Experiences

of times, but it took so long that in the end, Isabel was going to have her belongings moved into storage. She'd keep some of her clothes and other things with her and stay with Ann and Bud until she could take possession of her new home.

The movers came and took all of the furniture, lamps, bedding, boxes of belongings to storage. That afternoon we went by Isabel's to see how she was

doing. The plan was to clear out the house completely the next day. Ann and Bud were there and we asked who was going to box up and move the rest of the stuff. "We are," they chimed, smiling.

Many things remained in the kitchen. Just in case they wanted to prepare a meal there, they'd kept out a few dishes, some pots and pans, knives and the like. There was still quite an assortment of packaged foods in the cupboards, the refrigerator was fairly full, the freezer jammed.

In her sewing room, Isabel's sewing patterns, threads and scissors, some old magazines she was saving, and the entire contents of her desk remained. In every closet there were still a few things: extension cords, throw rugs, hats and clothes, laundry basket.

The living and dining room drapes still hung at the windows. They were to be taken down and put somewhere until Isabel could

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## Real Estate Spotlight:

### A classic Mediterranean in Berkeley



**THIS STATELY MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE HOME** at 239 The Uplands, Berkeley, was designed in 1928 by B. Reede Hardman and is located on a large corner lot in the desirable Claremont area of Berkeley. With five-plus bedroom and four and one-half bathrooms including a master bedroom suite and au pair or guest quarters, this gracious two-story home has architectural distinction and Old World charm. The spacious living room with handsome fireplace and the family room have French doors that open to a tiled loggia that is ideal for outdoor entertaining.

Additional features include: four bedrooms upstairs, each with access to a bathroom; views of San Francisco, the Golden Gate bridge and Mount Tamalpais from the upper level; large level lawn area; wrought iron detailing and decorative tiles; updated kitchen with 6-burner Wolf range; eat-in kitchen that opens to a terrace with a filtered bay view; enchanting back terrace and garden with fountain and fishpond; three-car attached garage with inside access; large formal dining with built-in china cabinet; the original architectural plans are available; Coldwell Banker Home Warranty included. Uplands in Berkeley. The list price is \$1,495,000.

Listing agent: Dian Hymer, Previews Property Specialist, Coldwell Banker, 6137 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, dian@dianhymer.com, 510-339-4777.

## 'Walk-Around' benefits Oral Lee Brown

OAKLAND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS  
The Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) Fundraising Task Force will hold a "Walk-Around" benefiting the Oral Lee Brown (OLB) Foundation. The foundation helps inner-city kids turn the dream of a college education into reality. The "Walk-Around" is at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 28. Walkers are invited to participate in a community walk around Lake Merritt in Oakland.

Oral Lee Brown received recognition from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) as a Good Neighbor national award winner. She is currently featured in a series of NAR radio and television ads recognizing Realtor community achievements. Katie Couric interviewed her on the Today Show and she was chosen as a *Glamour Magazine* "Woman of the Year". Brown has much to be proud of, but if

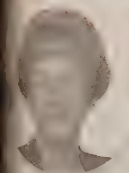
asked, she would say her pride lies in the accomplishments of her "kids."

Events leading up to this fundraiser began in 1987, when Oakland Realtor Oral Lee Brown promised a first grade class of inner-city children a college education. In 1999, 19 of the original 23 children graduated high school and due to Brown's efforts,

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## Lightening things up: Remodel really brightened this Berkeley kitchen



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The new nook really adds to the flow of the room because it now leads directly out to the deck and seems to bring the outdoors inside.

Paul Winans



WINANS CONSTRUCTION

The original kitchen in this Berkeley home was dark, cramped, completely cut off from the rest of the house and had no real eating area.

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wanted a comfortable place to eat. We added a breakfast nook at the rear. The new nook really adds to the flow of the room because it now leads directly out to the deck to bring the outdoors inside."

The original kitchen had little storage space. The remodel suggested taking the back portion of the son's bedroom, which was adjacent to the wall. By making his closet space a pantry, the owners were able to build a pantry on the wall in the kitchen!

For more information, visit [www.winansinc.com](http://www.winansinc.com)

## Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

### FOR THE PUBLIC

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Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany is the facilitator for a variety of workshops for the homebuyer. The "Homebuyer Finance" workshop is a review of the overall loan process and lender guidelines. "Home Buyer Basics" is a workshop for first-time buyers with a soup to nuts overview of all aspects of home buying. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on the basic principles of home buying. Issues and concerns dealing with women are addressed in "womanspeak." For more information and dates of upcoming workshops contact Ward at 510-559-4000.

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### 1031 AT OAR

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, on Thursday, June 26, at the OAR Building. Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Learn about the 1031 Exchange presented by Lloyd Kendall of Lawyers Asset Management. Kendall is a tax attorney specializing in tax and real estate law. Network more - sell more. For questions and parking information call Ingrid Westgard of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or Ramadan Aziz of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

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## Walk

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started college. Brown recently "adopted" 60 additional children with the same promise. The OLB Foundation was created to make it possible for Brown to continue providing educational funds for these students.

After meeting Brown in 2001, Evelyn Walker of Coldwell Banker (a Realtor and past president of OAR) proposed the creation of the OAR Fundraising Task Force. Walker was inspired by Brown's dedication and wanted to provide direct, local help to Brown's "kids." The group is made up of area Realtor and Affiliate volunteers.

The task force chairperson (for the second year) is Realtor Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty. "Last year Realtors contributed more than \$30,000. This year we hope to garner Oakland community support with this project. Bank of America has signed on as a sponsor and we are hoping to attract the support of other community businesses," Harris

anticipates entire real estate offices walking as teams.

Brown, along with many of her "kids" will participate in the "Walk-Around." Mayor Jerry Brown, State Senator Don Perata and Representative Barbara Lee are all scheduled to join the event.

Contributions from "Walk-Around" participants vary according to age. Registration fees are \$15 for ages 12 to 17 and \$25 for adults. Children under 12 walk free. Paid registration includes a commemorative T-shirt and other gifts. Advanced registration is encouraged. Please contact OAR's Judith Boren at 510-836-3003 or visit [realtor.oar.org](http://realtor.oar.org).

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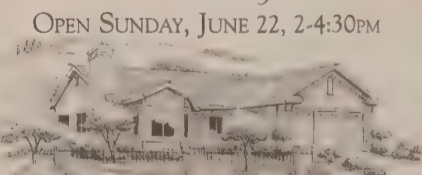
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Contracts include contingencies that must be satisfied for the sale to go through. The most common contingency is an inspection contingency. As soon as possible you should arrange for a home inspection and any other inspections that are indicated.

# Joint tenancy may cost you — and your survivors

WEATHER TREMAIN, President of the National Association of Realtors, says it's difficult to face the estate planning. They'd think about it, or they may route they think will be the best.

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again. The basement had brooms and rags, miscellaneous items. While we were looking down the drapes, we went off to find some strips to tie the pleats together. Busy rehanging a gate covers had removed. Sewing supplies. Because we got the drapes tied with hung over hangers. The bulky and would take up a lot of space in Bud's car. Our dear people are all in their seventies and eighties and willing though they were becoming. And that they were not up to it. We asked how were we going to transport them and everything else to the house? They said they have a couple of trips.

think you should consider a "kick," we said. And, we thought it would be a good idea. Another of Isabel's who had kindly offered her

ing is just so big. Every-thing of age or how many times they've moved, to underestimate what is. There was still so much with in Isabel's house. We see that it was going to be a lot of time, a lot of carrying out of space to get all that out of the house.

their great credit, all three sweet people were still smiling. They were everything would be fine. But a truck the next day to move came with her van. The time they got to the house packages in the three vehicles were filled.

had made their deadline were very tired indeed and, I think, they still needed to be frozen food before into bed. Unloading the

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You will also need to determine how you want to hold title to the property when title transfers into your name.

How you hold title has legal ramifications. Be sure to consult with the title officer or with an attorney before you make this decision.

Your contract should provide you with the opportunity to do a final walk-through inspection, usually within a week before closing.

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# Tenancy

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This tax benefit is lost when the home is owned in joint tenancy — only the 50 percent owned by the deceased spouse gets to start over again when calculating capital gains.

Likewise, adding your children to the deed of your home could cost them a great deal. A state and federal capital gains tax is due on growth of real property at the time of sale. If a property owner dies before the sale or transfer of that property, the beneficiaries are allowed to avoid all capital gains tax on the growth experienced during the owner's lifetime and start all over again.

However, if a parent adds a child's name to the deed prior to death, then only the parent's share of the property will enjoy this new start, and the portion that belongs to the child will still have to pay the capital gains taxes on the growth. Such a mistake could cost the child thousands of dollars in taxes when the home is sold.

## Liability Increases with Joint Tenancies

Another drawback of joint tenancy is the liability that results when ownership is shared as joint tenants. Many of my older clients put their children's names on properties or bank accounts, thinking this will facilitate a child's ability to help them manage details when the parent is no longer able to do so. But once a child owns a portion of the property, the property takes on the liability of that child and is exposed to the child's creditors.

If the child has financial difficulties, doesn't pay taxes, or is involved in a lawsuit, the house could be listed as one of the child's assets and be put at risk. It's an unnecessary risk. You can gain the convenience you want in other ways, for example by naming the child as power of attorney.

## Gift Tax Consequence

A third risk of joint tenancy is the gift tax consequence. Whenever a U.S. resident gives more than \$11,000 to anyone in a year, a 49 percent gift tax applies. Let's say you decide to give your son half of your \$400,000 house, so that he is half owner.

You've now given him a gift valued at \$200,000, which is \$189,000 over the \$11,000 allowed without tax each year. You're then taxed at 49 percent of \$189,000 — or \$92,610 just for the privilege of putting your son's name on your house.

Luckily, you are allowed to give up to \$1 million of such gifts in your lifetime, so depending on how much you have gifted already you may be able to avoid the tax. Keep in mind, though, that this \$1 million limit combines both gift and estate taxes. If you give the money tax-free during your lifetime, you cannot give another million after death without incurring taxes for your heirs.

Each time you make a gift, the IRS requires that you file a gift tax return, which it carefully tracks during the course of your lifetime.

Once you hit the \$1 million maximum, the IRS starts charging you the tax. If you die and have expended your tax-free \$1 million already, your heirs will pay a 49 percent tax on anything they inherit from you. Although estate taxes are slowly disappearing between now and the year 2010, they return full force in 2011.

As you can see, choosing joint tenancy as a way to avoid thoughtful estate planning can result in situations you don't anticipate and great expense to you and your heirs.

As we find in other parts of our lives, shortcuts don't always take us where we want to go. When planning how to control the things you care about, it's best to become informed and consult an expert before you act.

Heather Tremain is a Bay Area attorney.

# Online lenders are focusing on ser

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In the infancy of online mortgage lending, traditional lenders were caught off-guard by upstart companies that offered a simple way to compare loan rates, apply and get a decision quickly.

Five years later, nearly every bank and credit union has a Web site where customers can do those things, and many of the pioneer online lenders — remember iOwn and Mortgage.com? — are dead, even if their URLs live on.

But even with the Internet, closing a loan is complicated, and many borrowers still prefer to entrust the task to someone they can meet face to face. So lenders who specialize in online mortgages are focusing more heavily than ever on customer service in hopes that more people will feel comfortable obtaining their mortgages online.

"Four to five years ago, getting a loan from an online lender was equivalent to a root canal," said Anthony Hsieh, president of Home Loan Center and former head of LoansDirect.com, which was sold to E\*Trade in 2001. "But the industry has learned. Most of the large Internet companies still in business today are successful because they are able to provide a positive lending experience."

To that end, online lenders have added 800 numbers and "live chat" functions so customers can send queries and get immediate replies.

They're using automated property appraisals for some loans; delivering documents over the Internet and using e-signatures; and in many cases sending title officers to customers' homes or offices for the final loan closing.

Customer service is "an absolutely critical component" to success, said LendingTree Chief Operating Officer Tom Reddin.

Though his company is not a lender — it's an exchange that channels customers to participating lenders — Reddin says LendingTree screens its affiliates carefully, then keeps in touch with customers who apply via the site, surveying them about their satisfaction and encouraging them to rate the affiliate lenders online.

Morgan Hill homeowner Tony Butterworth has refinanced his mortgage three times in the past two years, using LendingTree or E-Loan each time. (Both companies offer loans from many different lenders.)

"Probably if the first time I'd done it it wasn't easy I wouldn't have done it again," Butterworth said. "I don't believe I'm getting a better rate doing it this way; I think the process was easier for me. I felt like I was in control of the process."

He currently has a 30-year jumbo loan (more than \$322,700) with a rate fixed for seven years at 5.75 percent. He's saving \$750 a month compared with his previous loan.

Largely, Butterworth is a satisfied customer. The only downside, he said, was that in each batch of offers he received when he applied online, there was at least one unsuitable loan. ("When you called them, there was always one catch that wasn't spelled out," he said.) He also sometimes got phone calls from lenders after applying online, although he specifically requested that no one call.

Dolores Avina is less satisfied. Her first experience with online borrowing drove her straight back to a local bank. With only about six months' experience using the Web, she was eager to use her new skills to refinance the mortgage on her San Jose, Calif., home.

Avina, 54, used LendingTree to find a loan at

HomeLoanCenter.com. But when it came time to close, the monthly payments were higher than she'd expected, and she felt confused by the closing process.

She concedes some miscommunication could have occurred, but in the end she decided not to borrow from HomeLoanCenter.

"I think I'd rather just go to an office and face-to-face somebody," she said.

HomeLoanCenter's Hsieh said his company's focus is on customer service. "Anyone that is not pleased with our services for any reason at any given time, they have the right to cancel at any time with no obligation."

In fact, Hsieh said it's exactly customers such as Avina that his company is hoping to serve, not just the early Internet adopters.

It's hard to judge exactly how many mortgages are obtained online each year, because lenders use different definitions of what constitutes an online loan.

Data collected by National Mortgage News indicates that about 18 percent of the \$940 billion in loans originated in the fourth quarter of 2002 were to borrowers who either applied or preapproved online.

But a survey by Inside Mortgage Finance Publications showed that about 27 percent of the record \$2.5 trillion of mortgage loans made in 2002 originated online — \$677 billion worth. That was up from 13 percent in 2001. The figures include both refinancing and purchase loans. Lenders surveyed by Inside Mortgage Finance were allowed to use their own definitions of online origination.

Today, many online lenders may have plenty of old-fashioned customers who prefer to see documents with their own eyes.

Or the customer's 800 number may be the lender's technology for that customer's application.

Before the Web, everybody was a lender. Now, it's going to be the lender who can't handle the trouble of a customer's executive assistant who is a cisco company's ware for online.

Things like that way, he said, were and still are. The first online lender, a net technology, their services, estate agents, potentially a lot when they're working with.

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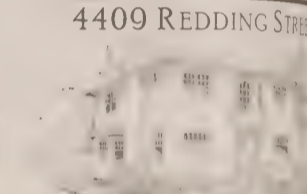
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transaction online with a branchless lender. He said he found the lender frustrating at times: To get information about the timing of the appraisal or other time-consuming details, he had to call the lender. In a conference call with his attorney, he had to schedule an appraisal himself — usually at the lender's expense.

He didn't assume they are going to change any of the time lines," he said. "It's been a real pain in the neck."

There's little specific data on the volume of online loans are being made, but one executive for Quicken Loans recently estimated that 75 percent of online loans are refinances. The figure, there is little doubt that Internet-enabled refinancing has gotten a big boost since 2001.

The Internet is perfect for refinancing because the ease of use and the process is much simpler," said Solomon, editor of In-Mortgage Technology. Typical customer doing refinancing needs to provide less information than someone purchasing a home, is under less

There is little question that Internet-enabled lending has gotten a big boost from the refinancing boom that's been going on since 2001.

time pressure and may be more familiar with the loan process.

But when interest rates rise and the refinancing flood dries up, the online loan business will probably shrink somewhat. Bill Emerson, chief executive of Quicken Loans, estimated that if rates rise into the 8 percent range, online lending could drop 40 percent to 50 percent.

However, Solomon and others said that drop will be offset by the fact that many younger, tech-savvy home buyers in the years to come will naturally start their loan search on the Web.

Emerson of Quicken Loans said that drop will be offset by the fact that about 80 percent of people obtaining a mortgage say they started by looking at rates online.

"It's the online lender's challenge to start converting more and more of those people," he said. "The opportunity for growth is tremendous."

## It pays to consult more than one expert

**Q.** I know you've addressed this question before in your column, but I hope you can clarify some things for me.

I live in Brookfield, Wis. My ex-husband and I purchased the home I live in in 1995. (We divorced in 2002.) I received the house when assets were divided and I currently owe \$173,000. The home was recently appraised at \$260,000.

My divorce attorney informed me that I would have to live in the home for 2 years before I could sell it to avoid paying capital gains tax. A realtor I know said I could sell now and not pay any tax as long as I purchase another home of equal or greater value.

I went to the IRS Web site and found some information supporting this claim, however I still am not sure I'm seeing all the tax implications regarding the sale of a home in less than 2 years (even though I've lived here for almost 8 years.)

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—Sharon James  
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**Good times or bad, there are always too many lease-option buyers and not enough lease-option sellers.**

If you look in the newspaper classified ads under "homes for sale" or "homes for rent" you will find few, if any, lease-options. Yet, home buyers want them. But there isn't enough supply.

Having bought and sold dozens of investment rental houses on lease-options over the last 25 years, I know they work to sell difficult properties and to enable buyers to acquire homes for little up-front cash. My personal experience is buyers must "create" lease-options because most sellers, and their real estate agents, rarely offer them.

**What is a lease-option?**

Most home buyers or sellers and

their realty agents have never heard of a lease-option. It is combination real estate rental, sales and finance technique. It won't work on every property. But all you need is one, as shown by my personal example above.

The lease-option obligates the landlord to sell the property at the agreed market value option price, but the tenant is not obligated to buy. In the above example, I could have foolishly walked away. But I would have lost my \$10,000 option money, plus my \$9,000 rent credit toward the purchase price.

## Lease-option pros and cons for home sellers

Advantages of lease-options for house and condo sellers include (1) there are always more lease-option buyers than sellers, (2) lease-option tenants are above-average in quality because they have option money and rent credit money at stake if they don't buy, (3) lease-option tenants will pay higher than market rent (because they get a partial rent credit toward the purchase price), (4) if the tenant doesn't buy, the landlord keeps the forfeited option money and rent credit, (5) lease-option home buyers will pay top dollar for the option price and (6) during the option term, the seller continues to enjoy the property's income tax deductions.

The only seller disadvantage for lease-option home sellers is they don't get a cash sale until the option is exercised by the buyer.

## Lease-option pros and cons for home buyers

Advantages of lease-options for house and condo buyers include (1) low up-front cash requirement for the option money (typically 1 percent to 5 percent of the option price), (2) controlling a lease-option property is less expensive than owning it so the longer the lease-

option term, the better for the buyer, (3) lack of homeowner income tax deductions is outweighed by the rent credit toward the purchase price (anywhere from 10 percent to 100 percent of the rent), (4) the buyer can try out the house or condo before buying and (5) the lease-option buyer can move in within a day or two after the agreement is signed.

The only buyer disadvantage is the lack of tax deductions. But the buyer's rent credit is really a "forced savings account" toward the down payment, which is worth far more than homeowner tax deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes.

## How to market your house or condo on a lease-option

Although the house and condo sales market is strong in most cities, some homes aren't selling. Most Realtors agree "starter homes" are selling well, but the more expensive residences are often slow selling. These higher-priced homes are ideal for lease-options, especially when the seller doesn't need an immediate cash sale but would like monthly rent income to pay the home's expenses.

If a house or condo is unsold after 90 days, and the owner is highly motivated to sell, it's time to consider a lease-option. One weekend of effective marketing is usually all it takes to "sell" a house on a lease-option.

My favorite newspaper classified ad for a lease-option is headlined in bold type "10,000 MOVES YOU IN." Of course, change that number up or down for your situation. Briefly describe the home, including the monthly rent and the key

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ROBERT BRUSS

## Karvel

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your right to be exempt from tax when selling your residence. That applied under the old tax rules not the current regulations.

*Q. My husband and I purchased a Timeshare in Colorado (Christie Lodge) . . . in 1982 when they were in fashion. We paid it off in time and kept paying the maintenance fees even though we never went because my husband became ill and then I retired and moved back to Texas. My husband passed away in 1997 and they sent the statement for fees in his name.*

*I am on a fixed income and have only gone once, but now find I cannot pay for the maintenance fees which keep increasing since they are always remodeling. According to my tax man the fees cannot be deducted from my income tax. The market is bad for this type of vacation home. The fee is now \$286.00 January and July so per year I pay \$572 without a benefit. I put an ad in the newspaper but no one even called.*

*My question is this: Should I just let the Christie Lodge people know I can no longer pay this amount (I have impeccable credit)? What would you suggest? I am at my wits end!*

*Thank you for any suggestion you can provide.*

—Virginia Compean

A. You need to sell your timeshare unit. Contact the people to whom you send your maintenance fees and ask them if they resell timeshare units. If not, ask them for a reference to a company that sells timeshare. If that fails go to the Internet, type in timeshare. There are firms that specialize in selling timeshare units. You just need to find one.

*Q. Recently, we bought a New Constructed Home (March 2003). We saw the house before the purchase and noted some of the work to be done. We contacted the construction company and our agent for the noted work, and they told us that they could finish the*

*work even after the deed. On that word we registered the deed.*

*Since we've been in the house, we've noticed that so much other work needs to be done. We informed the contractor verbally and by fax. They informed us that they would do the work, but so far they haven't.*

*We are living with a small income, there is nobody to help us to solve these problems. I have no money to go to an attorney for an advice. Will you please advise me?*

—Name withheld, Yukon, Okla.

A. Your best option is to have the assistance of an attorney. Absent an attorney you are limited to calling, writing and persuading the contractor to make the necessary repairs. You may inform the contractor that if the repairs are not made you will file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office of your state.

For others who read your letter and my response; the best course of action is to not close

the sale unless satisfied from closing, are not to rely on oral promises and promises paid to the broker. The money is often paid for completing work. There have been done in first place. The only time is litigation to get repairs.

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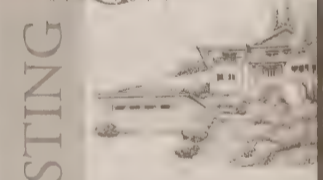
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# Little known gems of the East Bay

**Part one of three parts**  
Webster's Dictionary defines a gem as "something valued because of its excellence or beauty". In architectural terms, a gem is a small, beautiful building that is an excellent example of a particular style, architect, or period. In the East Bay, there are several such architectural gems that are unknown to most residents, because of their obscure location or unassuming facade.

The town of Kensington, in northwest Contra Costa County, is well known for its large, post World War II hillside homes with incredible panoramic bay views. But there are also a number of smaller historic homes from the early 20th century, some by famous Bay Area architects.

One such residence is a modest shingled home nestled into a wooded down slope lot at num-

ber 61 Edgemoor Road. This rustic looking cottage-like structure was designed by none other than Bernard Maybeck in 1938.

This was the last residential commission completed by Maybeck for a non-family member. The home is essentially a late example of the First Bay Tradition, albeit a modest one.

Because Maybeck created the First Bay Tradition movement in the 1890s, this is a very important

enter through a small doorway into a rich, redwood paneled combined living room and dining



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There are a number of smaller historic homes from the early 20th century by famous Bay Area architects. One such residence is a modest shingled home nestled into a wooded down slope lot at number 61 Edgemoor Road in Kensington.

building, which only a few people would ever guess is a Maybeck from its outside appearance.

The interior of 61 Edgemoor, however, shows many of the hallmarks of Maybeck's unique version of organic architecture. You

staircase, with a finely turned, wrought iron railing.

The house overall has about 2,400 square feet of living space, which is arranged on five half levels, an unusual feature even for a Maybeck design.

The spacious living room has nearly 20-foot-high cathedral ceilings, with massive, open redwood beaming. The walls here and in the adjoining dining room are paneled in rustic redwood, and the floors are random plank.

A classic Maybeck feature is the hooded, baronial fireplace that dominates one wall of the living room.

The hood is made of textured concrete, and is inlaid with glazed decorative tiles displaying a flower motif, which were brought back from Mexico by the original owner. Most of the bedrooms are on the lower level.

There is a deck off of the dining room that has a spectacular, uninterrupted San Francisco Bay view. This deck was enlarged in recent years from the original small one.

Most of the windows throughout this home are nearly floor-to-ceiling picture windows, with wood lattices.

The current owner and occupant of 61 Edgemoor Road is Judy Hollander, who grew up in this house after her parents bought it.

Judy took my class on "Historic Homes of the East Bay" at Albany Adult School in the spring. I first heard about this little-known Maybeck gem when she showed me copies of the original blueprints Maybeck had drawn for the house.

To this day, it is not listed in any of the currently "in-print" guidebooks on Bay Area architecture.

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**THE HOME AT 61 EDGEMOOR ROAD** in Kensington boasts a genuine Bernard Maybeck trademark: A hooded, baronial fireplace dominates one wall of the living room. The hood is made of textured concrete and is inlaid with glazed decorative tiles that display a flower motif.

# Profitable home sale after just months? The taxman comes

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**Dear Bob:** If I sell my primary residence eight months after purchase, will I have to pay capital gains tax on my profit that I estimate will be about \$70,000? I intend to pay the \$70,000 as a down payment on a replacement principal residence

— Steve H.

**Dear Steve:** Congratulations on raising the value of your home by \$70,000 in just eight months. I presume you (1) bought the home at a bargain purchase price and (2) made some profitable improvements to increase its market value. But your profitable sale after less than 12 months of ownership will be fully taxable as ordinary income.

However, if the home sale is due to a change of your job location qualifying for the moving expense deduction, health reasons, or other unexpected causes on the IRS approved list, you might be eligible for a partial Internal Revenue Code 121 principal residence sale tax exemption.

The fact you plan to reinvest your \$70,000 profit in another principal residence is irrelevant. For full details, please consult your tax advisor.

**Should refinancing homeowner close on last day of the month?**

**Dear Bob:** I know you advise home buyers to close their purchase on the last business day of the month (unless it is a Monday, then close on the previous Friday) to save interest. Does the same rule apply to a mortgage refinance? Should we sign our loan docs on the last day of the month to allow for the 3-day rescission?

— Juanita H.

**Dear Juanita:** Sign your loan documents toward the end of the month so you won't have to pay very much interest from the date of loan closing until the end of the current month.

You will probably be allowed to sign your loan papers only after the Truth in Lending Regulation Z three-day right of rescission has expired. It doesn't matter if your refinanced loan doesn't close exactly on the last business day of the month.

The reason you should close the refinanced mortgage toward the end of the month is you will be charged for interest from that

day until the last day of the current month. But your first mortgage payment won't be due until the first day of the second following month.

**What if homeowner can't afford the mortgage payments?**

**Dear Bob:** My husband and I bought our home in December 2002 with a 6 percent mortgage interest rate. But we find these payments are too high and are a heavy financial burden. Is there such a thing as a 40-year mortgage so we can reduce our payments? Our house has an unfinished basement where we can add two bedrooms to our four-bedroom home. Will this increase the market value of our home so we can refinance?

— Ileana L.

**Dear Ileana:** A few lenders offer 40-year mortgages but the reduction in your monthly mortgage payments will be very small. Forget that idea. Also forget about refinancing with one of the new interest only mortgages that won't cut your payment much.

As for your idea of adding two more bedrooms to a four-bedroom home, unless you need those bedrooms for your family, drop that plan. A six-bedroom home in a neighborhood of three and four-bedroom homes would be an over-improvement which won't add much market value.

If you can't afford the mortgage payments, have you thought about selling and buying a less expensive home? Whatever you do, absolutely, positively don't fall behind on your mortgage payments because that will ruin your credit if you plan to buy a more affordable home.

**All you can do is ask your lender to modify mortgage**

**Dear Bob:** I have about nine mortgages on various investment properties. They are in the 7.5 percent range for 30 years. What is the best method to get the existing lenders to lower their interest rates rather than going through the refinance hassle?

— Tom B.

**Dear Tom:** You can contact your lenders about a modification to reduce the current interest rate. If your loans have been sold in the secondary mortgage market, the loan servicer probably lacks

authority to modify interest rate.

However, if you are a portfolio lender, your mortgage is in a position to be modified and reduced. Obviously, lenders are to do so.

But it won't work. Even if you get a modification for a percent of the loan, it could be worth the hassle on interest.

**How to find a mortgage lender**  
**Dear Bob:** I am looking for a second mortgage lender in the San Francisco area. Can you help me find one?

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Charming 2-car old 4-bdrm, 3-bath home in a small, new, planned community just 6 miles to Orinda. Beautiful mountain views! This home has hwd flrs, soaring ceilings, open gourmet kitchen, large, family rm & master bdrm on 1st floor. This lovely home backs up to a natural greenbelt—very private & quiet.  
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Veteran Way, Oakland  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Charming "storybookstyle" home on charming cul-de-sac. Features include: large living room with vaulted ceiling and parquet floors, 1.5 baths. Lovely living room with fireplace and formal dining room/office/3rd bedroom, breakfast room, and kitchen with built-ins. Many beautiful Arts & Crafts details and many upgrades. Large backyard.  
Linda Milburn 524-9888 x13, \$550,000



270000 Ave., Albany  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Charming bungalow on a wonderful Albany street. Features include: large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, friendly front porch, large entry hall, lovely kitchen, formal dining room with built-ins. Eat-in kitchen with eating area. Large lot.  
Linda Milburn 524-9888 x30, \$499,000



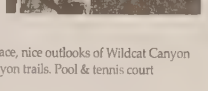
Warring St., #2, Berkeley  
Opening Soon

Enjoy sylvan views from this pristine two-bedroom unit. Features include: new paint, new stone. Two parking spaces! Ideal location for shops, Elwood shops & transportation. Bright balcony.  
Linda Milburn 524-9888 x19



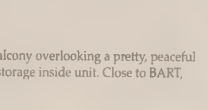
Vista Heights, El Cerrito  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Spacious 2 bdrm, 2 bath condo. Cathedral ceilings, hwd floors, tiled fireplace, nice outlooks of Wildcat Canyon. Very private, in tranquil setting. Large deck off dining area. Close to Wildcat Canyon trails. Pool & tennis court.  
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Plum #205, Lake Merritt  
Open Sunday, 2:00-4:00

Spacious, light-filled, quiet, corner 2-bdrm in smaller complex. Nice balcony overlooking a pretty, peaceful lake. Known molding, new carpet, warm designer colors, secure parking & tons of storage inside unit. Close to BART, Merritt, cafes, stores & more!  
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1-4PM



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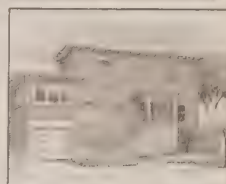
3004 Dana St.

Elmwood. Charming lightfilled 2Br/2Ba traditional with Plus room perfect for office or studio HWF. Dining area, attached garage. Close to shopping and Bart.

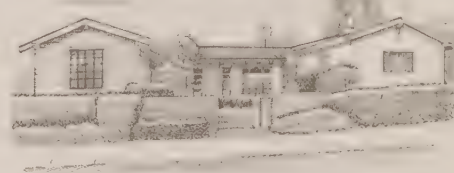
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This lovely three plus bedrooms/three bath traditional home has everything you've been looking for: understated elegance in the desirable Claremont neighborhood; functional, one-level living in warm, gracious spaces; separate space for an au-pair; exceptional light; end of a cul-de-sac privacy; and two car garage.

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El Cerrito 6408 Perola  
Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a large lot. Beautiful architectural details. Spacious & bright yard. Attached garage. Visit this home at www.marvingardens.com.

527-2700 x34



LAUREL-OAKLAND. 3060 Madeline St. \$425,000  
Pristine 2 bedroom/ 1 bath classic bungalow with non-conforming studio cottage for office or guests. New designer kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, lush back yard with deck and vine covered patio. Many upgrades! Move right in!

Open Sunday 2-4  
Luanne Warner

527-2700 x29



BERKELEY. 1770 Sonoma Ave. \$629,000  
Exceptional 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Craftsman in one of North Berkeley's most sought after locations. This home is full of warmth & charm with many original details intact including: An inviting front porch, fireplace in the living room, box beam ceilings, leaded glass built-ins & a beautiful landscaped yard. Walk to Northbrae, Solano Ave & more! Very special.

Open Sunday 2-4  
Ken Katz

527-2700 x40



KENSINGTON. 27 Windsor Ave. \$629,000  
BAY & CITY VIEWS! Located on a beautiful, quiet street just steps from Kensington School & Community Center this spacious home has it all! Views, balconies, private decks. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, lovely, light-filled living room with fireplace. Open dining room, gorgeous remodeled kitchen.

Open Sunday 2-5  
Richard Morrison

527-2700 x32



OAKLAND. 2187 E. 27th St. \$374,950  
Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bath original Craftsman in up & coming Oakland area with long-term neighbors. Added master bedroom suite has spacious bath with Jacuzzi tub. Great condition, just move in!

Open Sunday 2-4  
Juliana Wynberg

527-2700 x31



\$359,000

El Cerrito 1007 Liberty Ct.  
Charming three bedroom, two bath home on a large lot. Beautiful architectural details. Spacious & bright yard. Attached garage. Visit this home at www.marvingardens.com.

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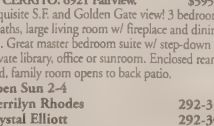
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OAKLAND. 4909 Fairfax Ave. \$349,000  
BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE IN MAXWELL PARK AREA. Absolutely charming shingle cottage! 2 bedrooms. Remodeled kitchen w/ cherry cabinets & top-of-the-line appliances, opens to glorious garden. Updated bath + LARGE ARTIST'S STUDIO!

Ann Ariola Plant

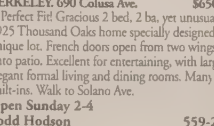
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EL CERRITO. 6921 Fairview. \$595,000  
Exquisite S.F. and Golden Gate view! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room w/ fireplace and dining cell. Great master bedroom suite w/ step-down to private library, office or sunroom. Enclosed rear yard, family room opens to back patio.

Open Sun 2-4  
Merrilyn Rhodes  
Crystal Elliott

292-3048  
292-3041



BERKELEY. 690 Colusa Ave. \$650,000  
A Perfect Fit! Gracious 2 bed, 2 ba, yet unusual 1925 Thousand Oaks home specially designed for a unique lot. French doors open from two wings onto patio. Excellent for entertaining, with large, elegant formal living and dining rooms. Many built-ins. Walk to Solano Ave.

Open Sunday 2-4  
Todd Hodson

559-2915



EL CERRITO. 8562 Betty Lane \$895,000  
Gorgeous estate-like property in the El Cerrito hills. Main house with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, including separate guest quarters. Large Artist studio with fireplace. Gleaming hardwood floors, huge kitchen, library, sunroom. Quarter acre lot plus view.

Open Sun 2-4  
Mary Gray

559-2939



\$1,250,000

Richmond 401 Western Dr.  
Located on magnificent waterfront. Spectacular 3-bedroom house. Main house: 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, new windows, new kitchen, new inside and out. Landscaped yard. Must see!

Open 2-4

559-2902



RICHMOND VIEW. 6618 Kensington Ave. \$449,500  
1st open for beautiful contemporary built in 1977. Peaceful views of the Bay, San Francisco, Wildcat Canyon, and Mt. Tam. 3 bedrooms, 2 updated baths. 2-car garage, big deck, backyard with a tranquil fountain. Big dining room, living room fireplace, open beam ceilings, newer roof, dual-pane windows, and much more.  
Open Sun 2-4  
Lloyd Jung

559-2912



EL CERRITO. 1007 Liberty Ct. \$359,000  
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a private cul-de-sac. New Pergo floors, remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, new windows, new furnace, fresh paint inside and out. Landscaped yard. Move-in condition. Must see!

Open Sun 2-4  
Kim Welch

292-3046



KENSINGTON. 135 Windsor Ave. \$750,000  
Beautiful, spacious, views! Views! Views! Large, lovely home with fabulous Bay views from living room and master bedroom suite. 3+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 10 rooms, lovely yards. At the end of a cul-de-sac.

Open Sun 2-4  
Phyllis Hewett

292-3054



BERKELEY. 2851 Buena Vista Way \$609,000  
Enchanting North Berkeley 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home in wonderful location. Bay views, Maybeck fireplace, lush terraced garden with year-round spring and pond. Fabulous potential for gracious living. Needs work.

Open Sun 2-4  
Dee Plunkett

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 1718 Arbor St - \$282,000  
 1073 Armitage St - \$489,000  
 112 Avington Rd - \$575,000  
 1601 Broadway #4 - \$301,000  
 2853 Brown St - \$427,000  
 2162 Buena Vista Av - \$404,000  
 917 Centennial Av - \$420,000  
 2226 Clinton Av - \$715,000  
 30 Evans Ct - \$879,000  
 1515 Fountain St - \$675,000  
 457 Haight Av - \$460,000  
 1821 Hibbard St - \$581,500  
 1009 Island Dr - \$400,000  
 127 Jervis Bay - \$700,000  
 1086 Melrose Av - \$435,000  
 1905 Ohlone St - \$693,000  
 1819 Paru St - \$292,500  
 315 Ratto Rd - \$282,000  
 18 Redondo Ct - \$492,000  
 4 Redondo Ct - \$550,000  
 1014 Regent St - \$616,000  
 2101 Shoreline #287 - \$365,000  
 965 Shorepoint #222 - \$301,000  
 621 Taylor Av - \$400,000  
 111 Via De La Vista - \$586,000  
 513 Willow St - \$399,000

## ALBANY

533 Kains Av - \$400,000  
 555 Pierce 1535 - \$335,000  
 555 Pierce 326 - \$225,000  
 527 Stannage Av - \$515,000

## BERKELEY

1326 Curtis St - \$240,000  
 1805 Delaware St - \$581,000  
 920 Euclid Av - \$612,000  
 1619 Fairview St - \$735,000  
 1545 Parker St - \$425,000  
 1240 Peralta Av - \$732,000  
 1354 Sacramento - \$525,000  
 2303 Spaulding Av - \$620,000

## EL CERRITO

727 Albemarle St - \$559,000  
 130 Behrens St - \$475,000  
 320 Coronado St - \$535,000  
 615 Lexington Av - \$838,000  
 7117 Manila Av - \$500,000  
 2318 Mono Av - \$465,000  
 1205 Rivera St - \$585,000  
 28 Wildwood Pl - \$365,000

## EL SOBRANTE

5812 Amend Rd - \$487,500  
 5487 Deer Run Dr - \$465,000  
 5581 Deer Run Dr - \$485,000  
 402 Hopkins Ct - \$472,000  
 4065 La Colina Rd - \$322,000  
 42 La Paloma Ct - \$165,000  
 5427 Martis Ct - \$380,000

## EMERYVILLE

1200 65th St #305 - \$439,000  
 6363 Christie 1517 - \$510,000  
 6363 Christie 2615 - \$390,000

## KENSINGTON

434 Beloit Av - \$650,000

## OAKLAND

1163 100th Av - \$325,000  
 1945 104th Av - \$274,000  
 949 107th Av - \$250,000  
 2840 11th Av - \$392,500  
 2030 13th Av - \$300,000  
 454 38th St - \$407,500  
 979 44th St - \$370,000  
 1315 52nd Av - \$180,000  
 670 54th St - \$310,000  
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1011 56th St - \$329,000  
 633 57th St - \$435,000  
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 436 62nd St - \$637,000  
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 3142 Arizona St - \$459,000  
 5882 Ascot Dr - \$825,000  
 5823 Avenal Av - \$403,000  
 5601 Balmoral Dr - \$745,000  
 3085 Bantry Av - \$285,000  
 2959 Barrett St - \$234,000  
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 1025 Bayview Av - \$368,000  
 4362 Bennett Pl - \$475,000  
 6486 Benvenue Av - \$879,000  
 4368 Bermuda Av - \$507,000

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 4349 Edgewood Av - \$773,000  
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 5595 Estates Dr - \$575,000  
 3247 Ettie St - \$243,000  
 2000 Filbert St - \$400,000  
 8033 Fontaine St - \$339,000  
 5460 Foothill Bl - \$150,000  
 988 Franklin St #635 - \$400,000  
 2509 Fruitvale Av - \$340,000  
 4044 Fullington St - \$225,000  
 3257 Georgia St - \$305,000  
 2875 Glascock 102 - \$345,000  
 2875 Glascock 109 - \$470,000  
 397 Gravatt Dr - \$315,000  
 6500 Gwin Rd - \$1,370,000  
 7940 Hansom Dr - \$545,000  
 5345 Hillen Dr - \$323,500  
 7616 Krause Av - \$295,000

6717 Laird Av - \$415,000  
 3715 Lakeshore Av - \$630,000  
 4043 Lakeshore Av - \$800,000  
 1425 Lakeside Dr 107 - \$197,000  
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 3313 Magnolia 31 - \$395,000  
 748 Mandana Bl - \$540,000  
 2619 MLD Jr Wy - \$235,000  
 5261 Miles Av - \$505,000  
 245 Montecito Av - \$250,000  
 2729 Monterey Bl - \$410,000  
 4364 Montgomery St - \$570,000  
 320 Park View 206 - \$265,000  
 9236 Peach St - \$250,000  
 1112 Peralta St - \$335,000  
 2005 Pleasant Valley - \$180,000  
 2619 Rawson St - \$450,000  
 2715 Rawson St - \$415,000  
 3601 Redding St - \$324,000  
 4121 Rhoda Av - \$550,000  
 10514 Royal Oak Rd - \$580,000  
 6616 Simson St - \$360,000  
 8117 Skyline Bl - \$535,000  
 200 Stantonville Dr - \$500,000  
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 2772 Talbot Av - \$365,000  
 3045 Texas St - \$359,000  
 6821 Thornhill Dr - \$535,000

13 Town Square  
 1824 Tucker St  
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 2829 Viola St  
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**Tom Anthony, Broker**  
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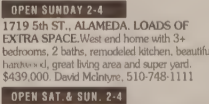
#### OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1639 - 63RD ST., BERKELEY. CHARMING VICTORIAN. 3 bedroom home with full basement on large lot plus a 3 bedroom near home. Small studio & 2 garages, all for \$641,250. Mary Ann Herber, 800-523-9424



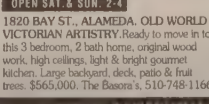
#### OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1542 PEARL ST., ALAMEDA. BE IN BEFORE SCHOOL. STARTS! Just steps to Edison school, 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large family room, modern kitchen, spacious deck and private master suite. \$709,000. Dennis Kieda, 510-748-1132



#### OPEN SAT. & SUN. 2-4

1167 CAMINO DEL VALLE, ALAMEDA. LOTS OF EXTRAS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, new kitchen, beautiful ceramic tile & hardwood floors, private patio. Extra storage! \$459,000. Angela McIntyre, 510-748-1121



#### OPEN SAT. & SUN. 2-4

1820 BAY ST., ALAMEDA. OLD WORLD VICTORIAN ARTISTRY. Ready to move in to this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, original wood work, high ceilings, light & bright gourmet kitchen. Large backyard, deck, patio & fruit trees. \$565,000. The Bosora's, 510-748-1166.



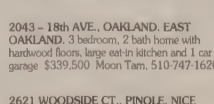
#### OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3011 FERNSIDE BLVD., ALAMEDA. LOVELY FERNSIDE HOME. With neutral color palette & lots of windows, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1300+ sqft, hardwood floors, dining area eat-in kitchen, sunny backyard. \$522,000. Troy Staten, 510-748-1125



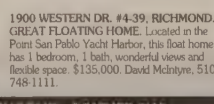
#### OPEN SAT. & SUN. 1-4

800 CENTRAL AVE., ALAMEDA. BUNGALOW NEAR WASHINGTON PARK. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1700+ sqft, home office, breakfast room, sun room, laundry room. Elegant interior. Close to transportation & beach. \$517,000. Stephanie Neher, 510-748-1133.



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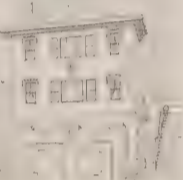
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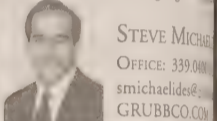
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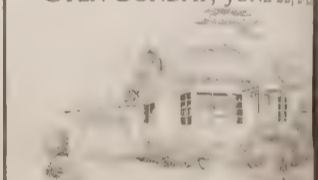
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\$259,000 1458 34th St. Dramatic spacious modern designer kitchen, open floor plan, king lot, parking. Elaine 510-814-4835

\$275,000 1814 41st Ave. 1-level bungalow with 2+ bedrooms, 1.5 baths, interior patio, kitchen, detached garage and 2-car street parking spaces. Eunice 510-814-4892

\$279,000 1017 E 23rd St. Cute starter home. Very close to schools, shopping, and transit. Single level cottage with well landscaped yard long driveway, wonderful storage shed. Marsha 510-814-4828

\$299,900 2380 108th Ave. Single level 2+bd, 1.5ba bungalow with new appliances, new carpet, with new back lawn, 2 car detached garage. Maryann 510-814-4873

\$368,000 3218 9th District. Home with narrowwood floors, 2+ bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 510-814-4828

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Assault

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who could handle the problem more effectively than the police could.

At least six more times, Hamida again talked to the building managers, Valeria and Carlos, who again promised to take care of the problem with Yvonne.

One evening at about 10 p.m., Hamida returned alone to her apartment from shopping. As Hamida reached into her purse for her keys, Yvonne began yelling at Hamida, following her into Hamida's apartment. Yvonne then grabbed Hamida by the hair and pulled her out of the apartment.

"After she pulled me out, she started hitting me and she pulled

me down, threw me down the stairs. And I believe I lost consciousness at the moment," Hamida testified in court. Hamida suffered injuries to her neck, hip and lower back as well as facial bruises. Hamida sued landlords Glenn and Sheryl for negligence in failing to protect her from the foreseeable assault by Yvonne.

If you were the judge would you rule landlords Glenn and Sheryl can be held liable for the injuries to Hamida caused by tenant Yvonne?

The judge said yes. "It is difficult to imagine a case in which the foreseeability of harm could be more clear," the judge began. Through their agents, the building managers, the landlords knew or should have known the tenant had engaged in repeated

acts of assault and battery against another tenant and her mother," he continued.

"We do not believe a reasonably thoughtful landlord would accept as commonplace the repeated verbal and physical abuse of one tenant by another, but would act to put an end to such occurrences," the judge explained. It was foreseeable the tenant's violent outbursts and physical assaults would eventually result in serious injury, he noted.

There was a close connection between the landlords' failure to react to at least six reports of the tenant's violent, threatening behavior and the harm suffered by this tenant, the judge ruled.

"Moral blame may be attached to the landlords' conduct because they had actual or constructive knowledge of their tenant's abusive

There was a close connection between the landlords' failure to react to at least six reports of the tenant's violent, threatening behavior and the harm suffered by this tenant, the judge ruled.

conduct or were recklessly indifferent to the danger it posed," the judge concluded.

Based on the 2003 California Court of Appeal decision in Madhani v. Cooper, 130 Cal.Rptr.2d 778.

Sales

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- 536 Harbour Wy - \$130,000
- 322 Hawk Ridge Dr - \$533,000
- 1545 Hayes St - \$309,000
- 691 Kern St - \$435,000
- 1611 Main Ave - \$280,000
- 349 Market Av - \$239,000
- 3003 May Rd - \$372,000
- 2732 McBryde Av - \$300,000
- 4109 McGlothen - \$275,000
- 14 Overlook Ln - \$309,000
- 68 Sandpoint Dr - \$530,000
- 1900 Santa Clara - \$339,000
- 401 Silver Av - \$255,000
- 1559 Solitude Ln - \$498,000
- 200 South 21st St - \$247,000
- 425 South 26th St - \$425,000
- 150 South 39th St - \$253,500
- 4481 Whitecliff Wy - \$385,000

SAN LEANDRO

- 1573 165th Av - \$728,000
- 116 Accolade Dr - \$475,000
- 1183 Alder Creek - \$513,000
- 1277 Alder Creek - \$540,000
- 2074 Arctic St - \$340,000
- 1235 Ardmore Dr - \$435,000
- 594 Beatrice St - \$365,000
- 717 Buriat St - \$540,000
- 1571 Carpentier St - \$270,000
- 14404 Colgate St - \$445,000
- 452 Diehl Av - \$385,000
- 642 Dowling Bl - \$450,000
- 1223 Drake Av - \$375,000
- 15067 Edgemoor - \$387,000
- 16670 Elie St - \$308,000
- 801 Fulton Av - \$350,000
- 15370 Inverness - \$415,000
- 868 Juana Av - \$435,000
- 14380 Juniper St - \$385,000
- 2446 Lakeview Dr - \$527,000
- 15344 Norton St - \$429,000
- 916 Rodney Dr - \$608,000
- 14625 Rollins St - \$396,000
- 2541 San Leandro Bl - \$266,000
- 703 Tivoli St - \$570,000
- 2116 Trombas Av - \$360,000
- 15280 Upton Av - \$379,500

SAN LORENZO

- 1968 Bandoni Av - \$387,000

- 1980 Keller Av - \$325,000
- 17304 Via Julia - \$360,000
- 17469 Via La Jolla - \$325,000
- 1163 Via Manzanitas - \$465,000
- 16112 Via Owen - \$400,000
- 15967 Via Paro - \$376,000
- 17947 Via Rincon - \$260,000
- 17635 Via Segundo - \$357,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

- TOTAL SALES: 28
- LOWEST PRICE: \$233,000
- HIGHEST PRICE: \$879,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$489,214

ALBANY

- TOTAL SALES: 4
- LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
- HIGHEST PRICE: \$515,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$368,750

BERKELEY

- TOTAL SALES: 8
- LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
- HIGHEST PRICE: \$735,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$558,750

CLIFTON

- TOTAL SALES: 8
- LOWEST PRICE: \$365,000

- HIGHEST PRICE: \$838,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$540,250

EMERYVILLE

- TOTAL SALES: 7
- LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000
- HIGHEST PRICE: \$487,500
- MEDIAN PRICE: \$465,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$396,643

EMERYVILLE

- TOTAL SALES: 3
- LOWEST PRICE: \$390,000
- HIGHEST PRICE: \$510,000
- MEDIAN PRICE: \$439,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$446,333

KENSINGTON

- TOTAL SALES: 1
- PRICE: \$650,000

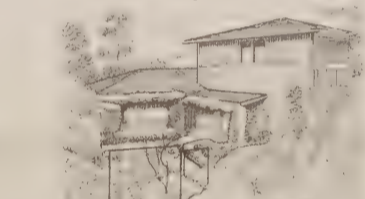
OAKLAND

- TOTAL SALES: 121
- LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
- HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,385,000
- MEDIAN PRICE: \$345,000
- AVERAGE PRICE: \$406,017

PILGRIM

- TOTAL SALES: 1
- PRICE: \$635,000

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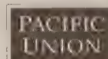
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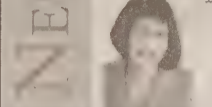
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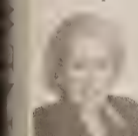
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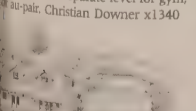


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w/bar. Large yard. Joanna Hirsch x1366

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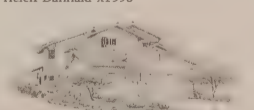
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New Listing! Wonderful 4BR/3BA Traditional  
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floor BR/BA, level yard. Robyn Mohr x1310

## UPPER OAKMORE \$679,000

2134 BRAEMAR RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious traditional on quiet cul-de-sac w/  
hdwd flrs, 2 fplcs, fam rm, bonus room &  
level yard. 3BR/3BA. Michelle Vasey x1359

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901 ALMA PLACE (Open 2-4:30)  
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upgrades. Steven Bisattii x1379

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6102 VIEWCREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! All level living on over 1/4  
acre! Meticulously maintained 3BR/2.5BA  
home. Formal dining, exceptional garden,  
3-car garage. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

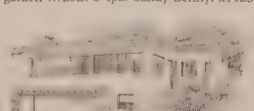
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1629 TACOMA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
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& details. Family room, great outdoor  
space. Leslie Easterday x1363



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699 LEE AVE. (Open 1-4)  
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eat-in kitchen, family room & private  
yard w/deck & spa. Candy Benny x1328

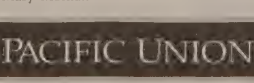


## CROCKER HIGHLAND \$599,000

4267 LAKESHORE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Stylish remodel of mid-  
century home. 3BR/2BA. Great room w/  
view of windows, fabulous new kitchen.  
Donna Costella x1355

## ALBANY \$585,000

515 SANTA FE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Close to everything! Light-filled &  
charming. Cook's kitchen, remodeled  
bath, hardwood floors, 2+BR/1.5BA.  
Mary Monti x1350

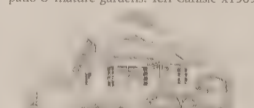


## REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$529,000

4055 MIDVALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming Spanish Med. 2BR/1.5BA w/fam  
rm. Spectacular Bay & City views. Deep lo-  
w/lovely garden. Diane Earl McCan x1352

## GLENVIEW \$519,000

3907 RANDOLPH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Sophisticated 2BR/1BA home  
w/hardwood floors, built-ins, plantation  
shutters, 2-car garage, level lawn, brick  
patio & mature gardens. Teri Carlisle x1305



## GLENVIEW/DIMOND \$489,000

4001 CANON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming 3BR/1BA.  
Hardwood floors, fireplace. Large private  
yard w/patio. Convenient location.  
Ann nichols x1319



## PIEDMONT AVE. \$489,000

53 RONADA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Unique '20s style house w/  
refinished hardwd flrs, new paint in &  
out, 2+BR, remodeled bath w/jacuzzi tub,  
FDR, 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson x1309

## ROCKRIDGE \$489,000

5290 BROADWAY TERR #302 (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Top floor loft condo w/2  
master suites, 2BA, SF Bay views, large  
garden deck. Garage. Ashley O'Neill x1368

## REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$439,000

4448 ANDERSON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Midcentury one level charmer. Hardwood  
floors, 2BR/1BA, eat-in kitchen & fenced  
yard. Wendy Gardner x1303

## Open Sunday

BERKELEY \$415,000  
3036-C FULTON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fabulous sun-filled Brown Shingled condo  
cottage in magical garden setting. Stone  
fireplace, deck. 2BR/1BA. Jack McPhail x1336

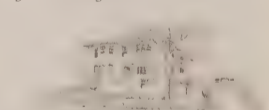
## GLENVIEW \$399,000

4138 RANDOLPH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! 3BR/1BA on great street.  
Hardwood floors, outdoor patio, old  
world charm. Michelle Vasey x1359

## On Appointment

## PIEDMONT \$4,995,000

One of Piedmont's most distinctive  
properties. Magnificent Mediterranean  
5+BR/5.5BA on over 1/2 acre. Lush  
gardens. Georgia Cornell x1325



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Impeccably updated 1907 home w/  
4+BR/4+BA. "Chef's" kitchen with  
adjoining family room. Lower level  
media, billiard & wine rooms. Separate  
guest cottage. Robyn Mohr x1310

## NORTH BERKELEY \$1,850,000

Masterful restoration of 1906 landmark.  
Maybeck & White, architects. Exquisite  
architecture, kitchen/family. Great room.  
SeeMore @ pacunion.com. Gini Erck x1339

## UPPER ROCKRIDGE LOT \$949,000

Rare Upper Rockridge lot! San Francisco  
views, level gardens. 1 mile to BART. David  
Ichikawa x1331

## BERKELEY \$799,000

New Listing! 6BR/2BA. This vacant  
single family home is perfect as a  
student rental. Set your own market  
rents! Tom Nemeth x1381

## CLAREMONT HILLS LOT \$699,000

Large lot w/plans for 5637 sq. ft. home by  
Phillip Perkins. Borders an undeveloped 39+/-  
acre wooded parcel. David Ichikawa x1331

## BERKELEY \$615,000

Delightful 2+BR bungalow with magical  
back yard & terrific Northbrae location.  
SeeMore @ pacunion.com Gini Erck x1339

## ADAMS POINT \$549,000

1906 Craftsman restored to its original  
condition in 1996. Beautiful period details,  
dining/sitting room, library. Near shops.  
2+BR/2BA. Donna Costella x1355

## BERKELEY LOT \$250,000

Gentle upslope in sought-after North  
Berkeley location w/San Francisco  
view. Nancy Norman x1373

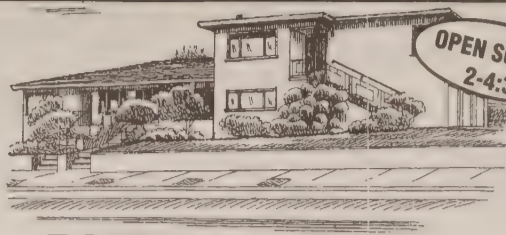
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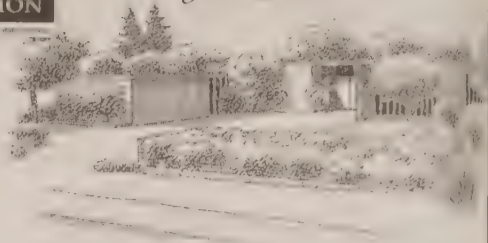


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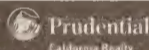
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**9 LA SALLE \$1,325,000**  
**Piedmont.** Extra spacious home on large lot. 3+BR, 3.5BA, family room & huge rumpus room, 2 master suites, home office, level yard & big deck, 2-car garage.  
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242



**6180 MORAGA AVENUE \$625,000**  
**Montclair.** New Listing! First Time Open! Two story Colonial with 3BR, 1.5BA, gracious living room with fireplace, formal dining room, French doors & windows, hardwood floors, basement, 2-car garage workshop, nearly level lot  
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



**6466 PINEHAVEN RD. \$599,000**  
**Oakland.** Stroll across the footbridge over the babbling creek to discover this charming log cabin surrounded by trees and flowers. Built in 1918 as a hunting cabin, the owners have spent seven years meticulously remodeling, adding all the modern amenities, but retaining this sweet home's rustic charm.  
Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261

**5221 HILLEN DRIVE \$425,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Decorator perfect 3BR Mediterranean in Maxwell Park. Designer colors, gorgeous eat-in kitchen w/Italian tile, master BR w/French doors & balcony, random plank hwd. floors, landscaped yard w/hot tub!  
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

OPEN 2-4:30

**3269 ARIZONA STREET \$399,000**  
**Laurel.** Tranquil retreat: Serene 2 bedroom bungalow with dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors. Quiet cul-de-sac location. Cheerful garden, detached garage and excellent storage.  
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



**4817 BROOKDALE AVENUE \$359,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Very charming 2 BR in Maxwell Park w/panoramic bay view! Gorgeous refinished hwd. floors, updated eat-in kitchen, lg. bsmt. for storage, garage converted to bonus rm., extra large yard a gardener's delight!  
Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232



**360 VERNON ST. #209 \$289,000**  
**Adams Point.** 2BR, 1 BA, beautifully decorated. Many windows, very sunny & bright with pleasant tree view. Many upgrades & move-in condition, ideal location.  
Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238



**3763 RUBY STREET \$279,000**  
**Temescal.** Funky, artsy 3BR in Temescal. Aftic with bonus loft area or storage, sunny eat-in kitchen, large bsmt. & level yard, close to BART!  
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

OPEN 2-4:30

**3015 LINDEN \$265,000**  
**West Oakland.** Nice & bright, rehabbed Victorian w/room to grow! 2BR, 1BA, living room, family room/kitchen combo. Refinished floors, high ceilings, full basement. 3 yr. foundation, electrical, plumbing. Remodeled kitchen & bath! Freshly painted & ready to move in! Elizabeth Sky 531-7000 x233



**151 LAKESIDE DRIVE #102 \$249,500**  
**Adams Point.** 1BR, 1BA, immaculate condo unit near downtown Oakland, all transportation. Fireplace in living room. Spectacular view of Lake Merritt, spacious unit with many upgrades.  
Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

**407 ORANGE ST. #201 \$225,000**  
**Adams Point.** 1BR, 1BA, 900+ sq. ft. Beautifully decorated, lovely covered deck. Great view of trees, lovely tile flooring in kitchen & bath, wall to wall carpet, walk-in closet & much more.  
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BY APPOINTMENT

**BROWN SHINGLE 4 PLEX... \$689,000**  
**Oakland.** ...plus carriage house. Original charm, updated systems, hardwood floors, box-beamed ceilings, fireplaces. Near Lake Merritt.  
Anne Bruff 531-7000 x283



**LARGE SPACIOUS NEWER 4 PLEX \$650,000**  
**Oakland.** 3BR, 2BA units with great features. Well-maintained, low expenses, easy operating. Near schools, shopping, transportation. Great for owner occupancy/family. Carlo Tamburino 531-7000 x279

BY APPOINTMENT

**VICTORIAN 6 PLEX \$575,000**  
**Temescal.** Good North Oakland location. Legal 6-plex, cute units. Needs TLC.  
Anne Bruff 531-7000 x283



**FABULOUS TUDOR IN MAXWELL PARK! \$495,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Spacious 3+BR, 1+BA w/architectural detail & charm! Living room w/vaulted ceiling, lg kitchen & breakfast rm., lg BRs plus huge bsmt w/2 bonus rooms, 2 car garage, great street! Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

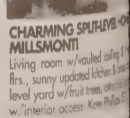
**LOOKING FOR A FIXER? \$360,000**  
**Millmont.** Needs some TLC. 3+BR, 2BA, family room, living room with fireplace. Fantastic rear yard. South bay view. Reports available.  
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



**SPACIOUS 3BR FIXER ON NICE STREET! \$359,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Hardwood floors, updated tile kitchen, living room with South Bay view & elegant stone fireplace, attached garage, wonderful large yard! Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

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**CHARMING SPLIT-LEVEL IN MILLMONT!**  
Living room w/vaulted ceiling, lg kitchen, sunny updated kitchen, level yard w/fruit trees, etc.  
w/interior access. Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



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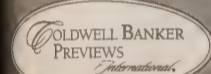
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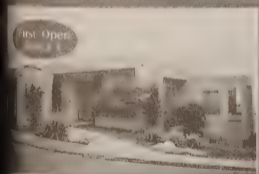
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EL CERRITO \$539,000  
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3 BR 3 BA Rustic, urban retreat in creek-side  
setting! Double lot w/ wooded view &  
updated home. Two mstr bdrm suites  
w/private decks & deck with hot tub!  
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MONTCLAIR \$519,000  
5001 Kearney Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 1.5 BA Great value! Sunny & spacious  
on corner lot. FDR, HDWD floors & glass  
block detail. 2-car garage. Close to schools,  
shopping & transportation.  
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CHABOT HIGHLANDS \$499,000  
3 BR 1.5 BA Lovely ranch-style home.  
Single level, bright & sunny. Nice patio,  
two-car attached garage.  
Noni Robinson 510.339.4700



BERKELEY \$399,000  
1816 Sacramento St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Central Berkeley craftsman  
w/separate office/workshop. EZ distance to  
No. Berkeley BART (2 minutes), Monterey  
Mkt & Ohlone Pk located across street!  
Maura Allen 510.486.1495

### FIRST OPENS

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,100,000  
1 Downey Place Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 4 BA English Tudor in serene setting. Old World charm &  
period details. Gourmet kitchen, master suite, large family room.  
wine cellar, HWF, sauna, decks.  
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700  
MONTCLAIR \$999,999  
5740 Colton Blvd. Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 3.5 BA Stunning new Contemporary close to Montclair  
Village. Built-in space, formal dining, kitchen/family room combo,  
master suite opens to terrace yard.  
Preston Grant 510.339.4700  
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$799,000  
700 Trellis Glen Sun 2 - 5  
3+BR 2.5 BA Light & bright 2-story Traditional with loads of charm.  
level yard, big eat-in kitchen, living & dining rooms. Close to  
Lakershire shops.  
Nancy Maloney 510.339.4700  
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$614,500  
769 Santa Ray Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 3 BA New listing! Enjoy beautiful gumwood trim, 2 FP,  
spacious deck, a nice outlook, larger lot for gardening & level area for  
play. Near shops.  
Ruby Ng 510.339.4700  
ROCKRIDGE (LOWER) \$485,000  
5811 Howell Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1.5 BA This home has it all! location, charm, landscaped back  
yard, light & bright eat-in atrium kitchen. Close to College Ave. and  
Rockridge BART.  
Terry Kulka 510.339.4700  
MAXWELL PARK \$439,000  
4409 Redding Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 2 BA Grand 1920's Craftsman w/3 fireplaces, breakfast rm,  
FDR, laundry rm, plus m. deck, spacious yard & greenhouse.  
Adele M. Wong 510.339.4700  
UPPER FRUITVALE \$429,000  
3999 Whittle Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Enjoy this sunny home with its big backyard, treed creek  
side setting never fumace, roof & beautifully updated bathroom &  
kitchen.  
Liat Bostick 510.339.4700  
SAN LEANDRO \$179,000  
639 Elsie Ave Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 2 BA Lovely home. Park-like back yard w/ fruit trees & deck.  
Close to work area.  
Victor Fierro 510.339.4700  
MAXWELL PARK \$369,000  
5632 Picardy Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Sweet Cottage on fabled street! HWF, stone FP, FDR,  
sunny breakfast room. Live on Christmas Tree Lane in a house full  
of character & Normandy charm.  
Lydia Nayo 510.339.4700  
BERKELEY \$319,000  
2334 Sacramento St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Charming Craftsman bghly in good location near rest.  
shops, & transp. Fresh paint in/out, hdwd fls, flrpl, garden.  
Cheryl Cahn 510.486.1495

### OPENS

CLAREMONT HEIGHTS \$1,275,000  
41 Evergreen Lane Sun 2 - 4:30  
3+BR 2.5 BA New construction. Level yard. Bay view, design by  
Jim Oryala, award-winning architect. Lavish master suite, chef's  
kitchen, well-appointed family room.  
Carol Brown 510.339.4700  
MONTCLAIR \$949,000  
6058 Fairlane Dr Sun 2 - 5  
w/2BR 1 BA, remold. Off st parking. Gourmet kitchen,  
family room & master suite have FP, kit, w/sep. eating area, formal  
dining room, great floor plan.  
Nader Davari 510.339.4700  
BERKELEY \$795,000  
1345 Milvia St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2 BA Renovated Victorian duplex, remold kitchen & baths +  
spect top floor additions w/MBRS & fantastic view. Downstairs lat  
w/2BR 1 BA, remold. Off st parking. Gourmet kitchen.  
Barbara & Kim Marienthal 510.486.1495  
MONTCLAIR \$625,000  
5955 Mazelia Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA Relax in the sunroom & enjoy the view of the bay and  
GG bridge. Light & bright eat-in kitchen, big family room, & living  
room with fireplace.  
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UPPER LAKESHORE \$879,000  
580 Rosal Ave Sun 1 - 4  
3 BR 1 BA Charming Traditional; wood floors, lovely hill view, large  
updated eat-in kitchen, direct access to level landscaped yard  
w/fruit trees.  
Vicky Faulk 510.339.4700  
EMERYVILLE \$525,000  
1153 55th St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
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OAKLAND \$465,000  
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an updated bath, hdwd fls, leaded glass & fireplace. Near BART &  
GG communiting!  
Patricia Berny 510.486.1495  
BERKELEY \$379,000  
1830 Woolsey St Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Craftsman bungalow w/ hdwd, French dr & eat-in  
kitchen. FDR w/FP, French doors, bright & cheerful. Close to College  
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371 30th St. Sun 2 - 5  
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OAKLAND/EMERYVILLE BORDER \$365,000  
3 BR 2 BA Spacious 1909 home offers new roof, new windows,  
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room/office & tasteful front yard.  
Reva Tolbert 510.339.4700  
ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) \$599,000  
2 BR 1 BA Sunny Mediterranean, spacious LVR, lovely FP, FDR,  
updated kitchen & breakfast room, garage w/interior access, great  
storage, lot yard & Bay vu.  
Darcy Diamantine 510.339.4700  
OAKLAND \$540,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA In Lincoln Heights. Incredibly spacious sun-drenched  
home! Generous mstr. HWFS, lg kitchen/dining opens to large grdn  
w/ hot tub. Atchd 2 car garage.  
Gene Della Maggiora 510.486.1495  
MONTCLAIR \$519,000  
2 BR 1 BA Charming hideaway. Large rear patio & Asian-style  
garden. HWF, dual-pane windows, French doors; all level living.  
Minutes to Montclair Village.  
Becky Andersen & Nancy Dickey 510.339.4700  
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$805,000  
1 BR 1.5 BA Wonderful Traditional. Formal living & dining rooms;  
large eat-in kitchen; sun room off bedroom; level fenced back yard;  
long private driveway.  
Joan Alford 510.339.4700  
HADDON HILL \$437,000  
2 BR 1 BA Charming Craftsman Bungalow. Hardwood floors,  
formal dining room, one-car detached garage, large yard.  
Noni Robinson 510.339.4700  
OAKLAND \$400,000  
6 BR 5 BA Beautiful views from large 2 story home. Gnt for several  
types of living use. Needs lots of work, but has lots of potential to  
pay for your efforts!  
Casey Asche 510.486.1495  
OAKLAND \$320,000  
2 BR 1 BA Clean & tidy; blocks from San Leandro border in a well-  
located for neighborhood. Great for first-time buyer.  
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700  
ROSE GARDEN \$275,000  
1 BR 1 BA Private Redwood grove! Excellent building, great  
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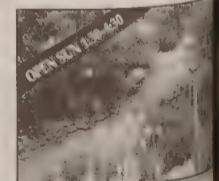
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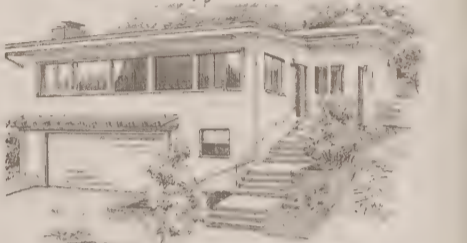
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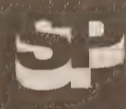
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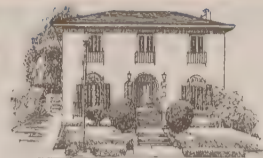
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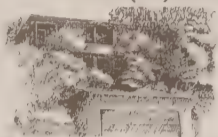
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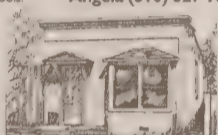
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Pristine starter! This home has charm necessary to make a 2BR with fireplace new. Paint, country kitchen & more. Good location above MacArthur.  
**Maria Sinclair**

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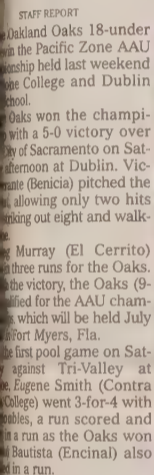
**PIEDMONT PINES**  
Hiker's paradise! Across from Regional Park. 3BR/2.5BA. New carpet, paint & deck. Large yard. 2-car garage. Perfect for Martha Shin

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## Section C



The victory in Sacramento capped a busy weekend for Lodree, who graduated from El Cerrito on Saturday afternoon.



**THE BAY OAKS** Bombers under-12 girls soccer team has compiled a 43-4-10 and will compete in the Region IV Championships in Hawaii starting Sunday.

| Name              | Pos. | Hometown |
|-------------------|------|----------|
| Ashley Assayag    | M    | Alameda  |
| Annie Belanger    | D    | Oakland  |
| Caitlin Bresnahan | D/F  | Alameda  |
| Tiffany Chin      | M    | Oakland  |
| Sydney Choi       | D    | Piedmont |
| Eva Hicks         | D/F  | Oakland  |
| Krista Kleczewski | D    | Berkeley |
| Taylor Lee        | M/F  | Piedmont |
| Esther Leon       | F    | Oakland  |
| Madison Ornstl    | M/D  | Oakland  |
| Ande Romanoff     | M/D  | Oakland  |
| Aksha Smith       | F    | Oakland  |
| Shay Williams     | GK   | Oakland  |

Youth sports tournaments often provide players, coaches and parents educational experiences that extend well beyond the playing field. Two years ago, a group of baseball players calling themselves the Oakland Rattlers took a week-long trip to Cuba. Last summer, the Alameda World Tournament Baseball Team traveled to Japan. One of the stops was the memorial in Hiroshima.

Those involved with the Bay

Surely, the trip to Honolulu

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**THE OAKLAND STROKES** girls lightweight eight rows toward a gold medal at the U.S. Rowing Youth Invitational in Cincinnati

**Singer Carla Zilbersmith's one-woman**  
**conveys her experiences as a wedding**  
**in New Jersey. Page C3**

■ Neil Simon's "Sweet Charity" is among the community theater productions coming to local stages. Page C3

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# Arts

## 'Wedding Singer' marries surreal, sincere

■ Albany jazz artist reflects New York experience

By Brian Kluepfel  
CORRESPONDENT

There's only one director who could translate Carla Zilbersmith's one-woman show, "Wedding Singer Blues," to the silver screen: David Lynch.

"The vibe of a New Jersey wedding is so surreal," the Albany resident says. She talks about dwarves in Aladdin costume working as doormen, and mobbed-up ushers threatening bodily harm to ad-hoc bands thrown together the day of the event. Adding insult to injury, she often had to take a bus back over the George Washington Bridge when the weddings were over.

### MUSICAL

**WHAT:** Wedding Singer Blues, a one-woman musical

**WHERE:** Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter St., San Francisco

**WHEN:** 8 p.m., through June 28

**TICKETS:** \$20, \$15 seniors/students, at TIXin Union Square, www.zilbersmith.com, or by calling 510-527-7813.

"We called those gigs 'screamers,' because the bride would end up in tears, screaming at a band she hadn't even hired," Zilbersmith says with a laugh. She can laugh now, but she wasn't laughing then, when cement shoes were offered to bands who didn't perform a note-perfect rendition of "Daddy's Little Girl."

She's lived to tell the tale, as they say, and "Wedding Singer Blues," now playing at the Shelton Theater in San Francisco, is a reflection on her career in New York.

Back then, she sang in small jazz nightclubs for the love of the music, and in suburban wedding factories for the money. Often, she says, the same musicians were involved. "These guys were incredible jazz artists, but they needed to make a living, too!"

"Wedding Singer" began as a six-song narrative in the singer-actress' head, but soon began to take on a life of its own.



CARLA ZILBERSMITH'S one-woman wedding singer show features 37 characters.

"It was called 'Six Songs in Search of a Story,' but a story kept forcing itself into the piece," Zilbersmith says. The narrative is populated by 37 characters, some of whom are composites of people she met on the wedding circuit, and others who emerged whole from Zilbersmith's experiences.

Among the characters we

meet during the two-hour tour de force is Joe, the Vietnam Vet Driving Instructor. The actual instructor showed Zilbersmith his bullet wounds and taught her the fine points of "defenseless driving." (She quit after two lessons.) Any wonder she didn't learn to drive until she moved to the Bay Area?

Mixed in with the humor,

however, is the pathos and tragedy of everyday life. During the writing of "Wedding Singer," Zilbersmith experienced a life-changing illness that left her bedridden for over a year.

"At that point the play became a bit more serious," says the playwright. "I was home in bed not

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## Tonight, 'Charity' begins in Pinole

**"SWEET CHARITY,"** Neil Simon's 1966 sentimental musical opening tonight at Pinole Community Playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole, comes to us with an interesting ancestry. Unlike many popular Broadway hits that ultimately wind up as movies, the show we now know as "Sweet Charity" reversed the trek and went from Hollywood (by way of Europe) to the Great White Way.

It began life as the 1957 Italian film, "Nights of Cabiria," directed by Federico Fellini. It won an Oscar as Best Foreign Film.

The Fellini version was about a prostitute-with-a-heart-of-gold who falls in love with a naive young man who doesn't know about her "work."

Simon took Little Miss Golden Heart, changed her name to Charity, reset the story in New York, and re-cast the lead character as a warm-hearted but unlucky dance hostess at the honky-tonk Fandango Ballroom.

The romantic link is Simon-pure comedy. Charity meets an accountant named Oscar at a lecture series. They get stranded in an elevator where she learns he is claustrophobic. Later they get stranded in mid-air on a Coney Island amusement ride where he discovers she is acrophobic. Cupid's arrow has seldom been so challenged.

Ted Bigornia is directing this romp, with Anjee Norgaard providing the choreography.

Plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through July 19 (no performance on Friday, July 4) with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on June 27 and July 6 and 13. Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors and students with ID. Cabaret seating, all seats reserved. Call 510-724-3669, or visit the Web site at [www.pinoleplayers.org](http://www.pinoleplayers.org).

**FREE 'BACCHAE' IN PARK:** "Head for the woods,"



The cast gathers around Charity after she is rescued from the water in "Sweet Charity," now being staged by the Pinole Community Players at the Community Theater in Pinole.



JACK TUCKER  
Community Theater

the settlers used to say in those old-time melodramas when they sought a safe haven from danger. Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, whose only "danger" is not being able to perform in Live Oak Theatre as it undergoes a retrofit, is sounding the same call, in effect, as the company heads for the woods of Berkeley's John Hinkel Park.

There, in the woody setting at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday, AE will begin to complete its 46th season with "The Bacchae," the play by Euripides about Dionysus and his revenge against a hateful king. The Greek classic, directed by

David Stein, will continue — same time and days — through July 6. It's free. It's also a good idea to bring a blanket, beach chairs and a picnic if you like. Call 510-525-1620 or visit [www.aeoberkeley.org](http://www.aeoberkeley.org) for more information.

**STEAMY POLITICS, SEX:** David Hare's "A Map of the World" fits into the category of a play within a play. Or, more precisely, a movie within a play. Or even more precisely, a series of lengthy, heated political exchanges that serve the purpose of dialogue.

The TheatreFIRST production continues Thursdays-Sundays through June 29 in Ehmann Hall at Oakland's YWCA, 1515 Webster St. Curtain times are 8 p.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets are \$16 Thursdays and Sundays; \$19 Fridays and Saturdays; \$3 discounts for seniors, students and TBA members, and half-price anytime if

you're under 25. Call 510-436-5085.

Director Clive Provance has given this clever, provocative work an agreeably spare and tight production, moving briskly through the layers where life and fiction overlap.

The play pits a young, left-wing journalist, Stephen Andrews, played by Mark Farrell, against a right-wing expatriate Indian novelist, Victor Mehta (Terry Lamb). The settings are a Bombay hotel where they are attending a U.N. conference on poverty, intercut with scenes of a British movie set where the novelist's experiences are being turned into a film.

The action becomes tricky since the same actors not only play themselves as the "real" characters 10 years apart, but also as the actors representing these people in the movie.

Their clashing views on aid

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## Welcome back, Potter

■ Bookstores brace for the midnight release of J.K. Rowling's new novel

By Cassandra Braun  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Judy Wheeler will be counting down to the stroke of midnight. It's not New Year's Eve, but it might as well be, given the hoopla and festivities planned.

"Everybody's getting the book at the same time," said Wheeler, owner of Towne Center Books in Pleasanton. "Really, every child across America and into England will be sitting down with Harry. I think that's really incredible."

Harry, of course, is Harry Potter, the boy wizard created by author J.K. Rowling. And bookstores across the country will be flooded as the latest volume in the series, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Scholastic Inc., \$29.99, 896 pages), is released at one minute after midnight.

A mere book sale would never do for Potter fans. As a result many bookstores, including Towne Center Books, are hosting Harry Potter midnight parties.

In the East Bay alone, more than a dozen bookstores will host release special events, ranging from a Potter pick-up window to more elaborate soires featuring magicians, trivia challenges and costume contests. Lafayette Bookstore is even touting a live, in-store appearance by Potter's furry sidekick, Hedwig the Owl.

Anticipating large crowds at her modest store, Janet Boreta, owner of Orinda Books, decided to split its bashes between a brief midnight sale and a more elaborate affair early Saturday morning.

"Ever since the last one, we've had little kids coming up asking, 'When is the next one, when is the next one?'" said Boreta.

"It's been longer since the last book, so I think the demand is more," said Wheeler. "We've had some names on the list close to a year, not even counting people just walking in. So definitely they're ready."

Fear not: Wheeler and other bookstore owners are confident they will not run out of the precious hardback.

Shanthi Moriarty-Cole, a customer service manager for Book People, an Oakland book distributor that will be shipping "Order of the Phoenix" to Bay Area stores, says the distributor has received nearly a dozen calls a week for the past year from booksellers inquiring about when they could get their hands on the novels to sell. In the past three weeks, she says, calls have only picked up in volume, including desperate ones from the East Coast stores who fear they've underestimated the Potter demand.

Moriarty-Cole says the same thing to all of them: No store will even receive its shipment of "The Order of the Phoenix" before Thursday. The book's publisher, Scholastic, has decreed that no book can be sold until exactly 12:01 Saturday morning.

"The temptation is very large," said Moriarty-Cole. "They (Scholastic Publishers) want your firstborn child to get this book, basically to make sure that everyone opens these boxes at the same time," said Moriarty-Cole, a professed Potter fan herself. "I consider myself only moderately insane. I'm not out there trying to X-ray the boxes."

Rex Fraser of Barnes & Noble in Walnut Creek was surprised by the fervor as H-Day draws near.

"I thought it would be less," said Fraser, community relations manager for the Walnut Creek store. "I was really amazed because I thought it had been overdone. But it's been about the same amount of enthusiasm as before."

Fraser says he expects 300 to 400 people at his store's midnight soiree, judging from customer requests.

Unlike many stores, Cody's in Berkeley has opted for a low-key approach to the release, offering simply drive-through pick-up at the magical hour, followed Saturday morning by an equally mellow gathering, which is to include cookies and refreshments.

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**Bill Mann**  
Multimedia Notes

**Corporations flirt with KQED?**

**STALKING** to a top executive of the big radio chains in the Bay Area (think Clear Channel, Disney, Viacom/CBS) I raised the subject of KQED's extraordinary ratings. That public station, first reported here recently, won the most coveted demographic category, adults age 35-44, in the Arbitron quarterly survey. The San Francisco NPR station now has a whopping 1.2 million listeners each week — the highest of any station. How long can the commercial broadcasters continue to ignore KQED, I asked the radio manager, getting technical. Technically, he was right, and the subject has been discussed at corporate level. Given the current uneasy relationship with big advertisers, you never know. It reminded me of a surprising revelation made by the then-general manager, a decade ago: Scott [redacted] that commercial broadcasters had offered tens of millions of dollars to the Berkeley Board of Supervisors to sell its 94.1 frequency, but were rebuffed.

**KQED's** been a factor here some time," said the commercial broadcaster (who asked to be identified). "People, especially in the Bay Area, want useful information." He said that his own stations, reaching a disarming 20-year-old, might actually be adding news soon.

**I** raised the prospect of the popular KQED "Forum" Michael Krasny said, "I believe it will ever happen. It's a wave of big bucks at the radio concept is like the foundation of the [redacted] to mention the public [redacted] that would ensue here."

**WAGE GONE:** Jack Swanson, manager of big talk stations KGO/KSFO, is to say about the disappearance of nationally syndicated talker/MSNBC host-selling author Michael [redacted] from conservative [redacted] airwaves.

**Michael's** lawyer made us a proposal we thought was too high. We rejected it, [redacted] Sean Hannity on the [redacted] Swanson, by the way, is [redacted] an attorney.)

**With** resident Savage began [redacted] radio ascent at KSFO. Rumors he could land at Channel talk station [redacted] But would that conglomerate, which is already controversial, need the added [redacted] ones?

**Wage** warned listeners a [redacted] ago he was ready to "hardball" with KSFO management. He may have picked [redacted] team to play.

**TEAKING** OF commercial [redacted] dealers: I hear [redacted] deal has been struck to [redacted] powerful 50,000-watt [redacted] radio station in Antioch [redacted] exchange for a new station created in Modesto. [redacted] the new East Bay boom [redacted] 860 AM, is owned by [redacted] Pappas, who also owns [redacted] Spanish-language [redacted] 42. If I were a betting [redacted] I'd bet on a Spanish station.

**NO** to Bay Area TV [redacted] — especially recent [redacted] arrivals Mark "Vanilla" [redacted] of KRON and [redacted] Samantha "Less Is [redacted]" saying "good weather [redacted]" when it's been [redacted] premonitory foggy and cool isn't [redacted] particularly good idea in the [redacted] area.

**Isn't** Bakersfield or [redacted] Many of us here think [redacted] and overcast as "good [redacted]" That's why we don't [redacted] other climates.

**I** believe these two [redacted] news directors haven't [redacted] to explain this to them.

**NO** to hyperactive [redacted] morning anchor Darya [redacted] Please keep your hands [redacted] anchor desk. Enough, [redacted] with the constant gesticu-

**Comments?** E-mail [bmann@sonic.net](mailto:bmann@sonic.net).

## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire, Ben Nuckolls, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; Evan Henerston, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Chris Vognar, Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Bialake, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

**"BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM":** This genial ethnic sports comedy directed by Gurinder Chadha was a big hit in Britain last year. Jess (Parminder Nagra) is the younger daughter in a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. Her passion for soccer puts her at odds with her parents, who think sports are an improper pastime for an almost-grown teenager with marriage and university to think about. The result is a culture clash that becomes more and more complicated until the soccer match comes along to sort it all out. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **C-**

**"BRUCE ALMIGHTY":** After local TV reporter Bruce (Jim Carrey) gets fired, he complains so much about his lot in life that God (Morgan Freeman) decides to teach him a lesson. Granted God's powers, the reporter gives himself the ultimate scoop (he finds the body of Jimmy Hoffa), turns his girlfriend (Jennifer Aniston) into a panting she-cat and generally takes very good care of himself. We're supposed to think this a wonderful insincere life (there's even a clip of the Jimmy Stewart classic at one point), but as rendered by Carrey, Bruce is just a whining, despicable, unworthy bore. Carrey, returning to comedy after trying his hand at drama to minimal box office success, seems shut off from human contact. You look into his eyes and see only rage. Not the best recipe for an allegedly feel-good movie. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexual content and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **C-**

**"CAPTURING THE FRIEDMANS":** If you're at a cocktail party this summer and you're chatting with two

## OPENING TODAY

**"ALEX & EMMA" (PG-13)**  
A writer (Luke Wilson) with gambling debts must finish his novel in 30 days. He hires a stenographer (Kate Hudson) to help, and her input changes everything. From director Rob Reiner.

**"FROM JUSTIN TO KELLY" (PG)**  
"American Idol" winners Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini star in this spring-break flick.

**"THE HULK" (PG-13)**  
Ang Lee directs this new adaptation of the story of the Incredible Hulk, a giant green beast who takes over the body of a mild-

mannered scientist whenever he's under emotional stress. With Eric Bana and Jennifer Connelly.

**"LOVE THE HARD WAY" (R)**  
Adrien Brody, pre-Oscar, plays a thief who meets and seduces a pretty college student. She falls madly in love with him, much to his consternation.

**"WHALE RIDER" (PG-13)**  
In New Zealand, a young girl challenges the tribal traditions that will keep her from being chief, even though leadership is technically her birthright.

hour, 33 minutes. **C+**

**"THE DANCER UPSTAIRS":** In this pleurably nerve-jangling thriller, Spanish actor Javier Bardem plays a tender-eyed cop named Agustín Rojas trying to track down a mysterious terrorist in a highly corrupt South American country. Written by Nicholas Sparks, who adapted the screenplay from his novel, and directed with confident flair by actor John Malkovich, this film involves Rojas' two-track inquiry into a spasm of terrorism and, rather less satisfactorily for us, the uneasy stirrings of the policeman's heart. Like the book, this is partly based on the hunt for Abimael Guzman, founder of Peru's notorious Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). — M. Dargis. (R: strong violence and language.) 2 hour, 9 minutes. **B-**

**"DOWN WITH LOVE":** A fairly winning new romantic comedy that could be right out of the Restoration Hardware catalogue, a stylistic homage to the '60s Doris Day-Rock Hudson comedies. Renee Zellweger is Barbara Novak, author of a shocking new feminist treatise that proposes women who want to get ahead should put aside love. It's a huge publishing hit, but it hampers the sex life of cocky journalist Catcher Block (McGregor), who decides to prove that Barbara is a squishy love nut at heart. Clever retro-style editing really works, the sexual innuendo and banter fly like the Concorde; and Catcher's sidekick, David Hyde Pierce, has exquisite comic timing. But the combination of McGregor's creepy chunky smile and Zellweger's weirdly puffery face is off-putting and the freshness runs out before the end arrives. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual humor and dialogue.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B-**

**"DUMB AND DUMBERER: WHEN HARRY MET LLOYD":** Peter and Bobby Farrelly, the ingeniously bent brothers behind the original "Dumb

and Dumber," came nowhere near this edition. And it shows — painfully so. There is a knack to crafting both stupid and grotesque comedy smartly, and this movie's creative team doesn't have it. As the film's title indicates, this movie takes place prior to the original. Working with a plot about how the pals met, Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson are uncannily convincing as the youthful versions of, respectively, Jim Carrey's Lloyd Christmas and Jeff Daniels' Harry Dunne. It really is a shame that such hard-working, talented young actors weren't afforded the inspired humor they deserved to riff on. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, mild violence.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **D+**

**"THE EYE":** This artful, unsettling ghost story uses simple and precise techniques to scare you before you even understand what there is to be afraid of. Blind since childhood, Mun (Lee Sin-Je) undergoes a cornea transplant and ends up not only with two new eyes, but also with second sight. To borrow the tag line from another movie, she sees dead people. And like the spectators seen in "The Sixth Sense," they seem less interested in harming her than in soliciting some kind of posthumous therapy. What is most impressive about "The Eye" is its delicacy. Lee looks convincingly haunted by what she sees, and Thai-born directors Oxide and Danny Pang's pictorial instinct is as sure as their shock-producing sense of timing. — A.O. Scott. (NR: Cantonese/Mandarin/Thai with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **A-**

**"FINDING NEMO":** Another delight of the imagination from Pixar, set under the sea, in the realm of fish who talk real estate, sharks who try to be better denizens of the deep, and lobsters named Mike. Nemo, a small clown fish, is plucked from the ocean and dropped into a fish tank in a dentist's office in Sydney. His timid father Marlin travels many leagues to find him, accompanied by a dopey but very funny tang fish (voiced by Ellen DeGeneres). The ideal blend of sentiment and sparkling humor, perfect for kids, charming for parents, and so good it's likely to appeal to a few souls who are neither. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **A**

**"GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS":** Fans of the all-time moneymaking film "Titanic" will cherish James Cameron's new IMAX feature documentary, which explores the remains of the ship with great intimacy. Those who found "Titanic" too sentimental will discover much to admire in the new film. Intricate details of the ship are revealed without pandering, and the 3-D cameras bring all those details to remarkable life. — P. Wuntch. (G) 1 hour. **B+**

**"HOLES":** You walk out of "Holes" wondering why more kids movies aren't like this — exciting, refreshingly clever and completely heartfelt without a trace of condescension. Filmmaking that confronts serious contemporary social themes, yet has a gentle, old-fashioned magic. Based on Louis Sachar's Newbery Medal-winning novel "Holes," about

a boy, Stanley (the winning Shia LaBeouf), who lands at a Texas work camp, thanks to a curse on his family, and gradually unravels the mystery of why the warden (Sigourney Weaver) makes the inmates dig a 5-foot-deep hole every day. Sachar wrote the screenplay, his first ever. You'd never know it. Or maybe you would, because it has an unpredictability that is sadly rare these days. — M. Pols. (PG: violence, mild language and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **A-**

**"HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE":** A scattered, conflicted disappointment from writer/director Ron Shelton, who made the still-charming cfection "Bull Durham" and the intelligent police corruption drama "Dark Blue." This comedy, starring older cutie Harrison Ford and younger cutie Josh Hartnett as mismatched partners, takes stabs at being both those films, but the combination doesn't work. Ford is game, Hartnett exudes sweetness and Lena Olin tries to bring Susan Sarandon-style energy to her part as a radio psychic. But their characters feel slapped together, the plot is a bore and the comedy is underwritten. Woe is the movie that beats a cell-phone joke to death; that's so 1999. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, sexual situations, language.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **C**

**"IDENTITY":** In this slick new puzzle-thriller, unpleasant people meet unpleasant ends at a remote motel. A shrewish actress (Rebecca De Mornay) and her do-gooder chauffeur (John Cusack) are involved. Others show up: the hooker, played by Amanda Peet, the unhappy new-lweds (Clea DuVall and William Lee Scott) and the cop and his prison-transfer (Ray Liotta and Jake Busey). Everybody has a secret. Everybody is a suspect. As the bodies pile up, the parallel stories collide and give conflicting versions of reality. A shot of intelligence to a genre that hasn't seen any in many a year. — R. Moore. (R: violence, gore, language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **B+**

**"THE IN-LAWS":** This remake of the 1979 comedy is quite enjoyable, coasting as it does on the perfect chemistry between stars Michael Douglas and Albert Brooks. Douglas plays Steve Tobias, a rogue CIA agent whose job wreaks havoc with the impending marriage of his son. When Steve finally gets around to meeting the prospective bride's parents, he's in the middle of a complex mission. Juggling obligations, Steve manages to rope in the father of the bride, a fanny-pack-wearing podiatrist (Albert Brooks) who's so neurotic that he'll have an anxiety attack merely from watching an airline commercial. "The In-Laws" flags a bit in the home stretch — and whenever the filmmakers make the occasional stab at fleshing out the relationship between the bride and groom. — G. Whipp. (PG-13: suggestive humor, language, some drug references, action violence.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **B**

**"THE ITALIAN JOB":** A life of crime is bad, a Mini Cooper is somewhat impractical, but by the end of this

## Showtimes for Friday June 20

## Alameda County

## Act 1 and 2

2128 Center St., Berkeley 510-548-7249  
•Capturing the Friedmans (NR) 7:30, 10  
•Auberge Espagnole (R) 6:45, 9:30.

## Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-524-9568  
•Together (2003) (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9  
•Winged Migration (G) 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15.

## AMC Bay Street 16

5814 Shattuck Blvd., Emeryville 510-457-4262  
•Fast 2 Furious 1:35, 4, 7:05, 8, 9:25, 10:25

•Alex & Emma (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 6, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45, 10:45  
•Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 12:25, 3, 5:35, 8:10, 10:40

•Finding Nemo (G) 12:10, 1:10, 1:50, 2:25, 3:05, 3:50, 4:35, 5:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8, 9:35, 10:25

•Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 12:45, 3:50, 6:15, 7:15, 9, 10, 11:35  
•The Hulk (PG-13) 12:30, 1:15, 2, 3, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15, 11, 11:45

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 12:05, 1:05, 2:35, 3:35, 5:15, 6:25, 8, 9, 10:35, 11:30  
•Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:40, 3:50, 7:30, 10:30

## California Theatre

2113 Kirtledge St., Berkeley 510-848-0249  
•Bruce Almighty 12:15, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:40

•A Mighty Wind 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
•Whale Rider (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:30

## Chabot Space &amp; Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
•The Human Body (Not Rated) 12:30, 5:30

•Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 8:30  
•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 1:30  
•To Fly! (Not Rated) 10:30, 3:30

## Elmwood 3

2366 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530  
•Bowling for Columbine (R) 12:15, 4:40, 9:10

•Chicago (PG-13) 2:30, 7  
•Dancer Upstairs (R) 12:45, 3:30, 6:10, 8:55

•Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time (Not Rated) 3:10, 5:10

## Renaissance Grand Lake

3200 Grand Ave., Oakland 510-452-3556  
•Finding Nemo 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15

•From Justin to Kelly 12:10, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9:45  
•The Hulk (PG-13) 12, 3:30, 7, 10  
•Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:10

## Jack London Stadium

100 Washington St., Oakland 510-433-1320  
•Fast 2 Furious 11, 1:35, 4:20, 7:05,

## 9:40

•Alex & Emma 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35  
•Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd 11:10, 1:15, 3:45, 5:50, 8, 10:10

•Finding Nemo 11:05, 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10  
•Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:25

•The Hulk (PG-13) 10:30, 12:15, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 10, 10:30  
•The Italian Job 11:15, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

•Rugrats Go Wild 10:55, 1, 3:10, 5:30, 7:40

## Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley 510-526-1836  
•Alex & Emma 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20

•Down with Love (PG-13) 12:30, 5, 7  
•Marooned in Iraq (Not Rated) 2:45, 9

## Parkway Theater

1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400  
•Down with Love (PG-13) 6:30  
•A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 7, 9:45

•X2 (PG-13) 9:15

## Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-654-2758  
•Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

•Whale Rider (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:30

•Winged Migration (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

## Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-644-2992  
•Fast 2 Furious 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

•Bend It Like Beckham 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

•The Eye (Not Rated) 7:45, 10, 9:25

•Finding Nemo 12:15, 1:15, 3, 4, 5:30, 7, 9:25

•Hollywood Homicide 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40

•Man On The Train 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:10, 9:30

•Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:50, 8

•Raising Victor Vargas (R) 9

•Respiro (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:35

•Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 12:35, 2:35, 4:40, 6:40

•Spellbound (G) 12:10, 2:25, 4:35, 6:50, 9:10

United Artists Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193

•Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd (PG-13) 11:45, 1:50, 3:50, 7:10, 9:45

•From Justin to Kelly (PG) 11:30, 2:05, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

•The Hulk (PG-13) 11, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 10:55

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 12, 3, 7:45, 10:45

•The Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:15, 3:15, 7:30, 10:30

•X2 (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15

United Artists Emery Bay

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492

•Bruce Almighty 12:30, 3, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30

•Daddy Day Care 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

•Down with Love 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

•Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd (PG-13) 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20

•From Justin to Kelly (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

•Holes (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8, 10:30

•Identity (R) 12:45, 5:10

•A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 2:50, 7:50

•Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 12:20, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 5:40, 7:50, 10

## Central Contra Costa

## Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060  
•Finding Nemo (G) 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:40, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:10

•Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 12, 3, 6, 9

## Renaissance Park Theatre

3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997  
•Alex & Emma (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9, 15

## Rheem Theatre

350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
•Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 9

•From Justin to Kelly (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:30

•Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:25

•The Hulk (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 6:45, 9:35

•Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 12:40, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15

## West Contra Costa

## Century 16 Hilltop

3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345

•Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 9:15, 10:25

•Alex & Emma (PG-13) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35

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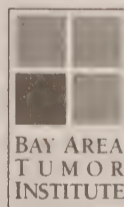
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**"L'AUBERGE ESPAGNOLE":** French actor Jean Reno, who plays a man who is attracted to a woman and her husband. The film is a mix of Parisian and steady grinning. He goes to Barcelona to a state study. His earnestness is a flat on the face of students, and the film is a tear-jerker. — M. Pols. (PG: language.)

**"PUT IN A GOOD WORD":** The film is of that unlettered humor and wit, a pleasure to watch. It goes back to the beginning of leaving home. — G. Whipp. (PG: language.)

**"DANISH WITH ENGLISH":** Danish with English subtitles, sexual content, minutes. **B**

**"MAN ON THE TRAIN":** A craggy-featured Frenchman, roomy country house, the roof, and the prospect of trading lives with another. Elements would not be studio executives' taste. But in Paris, it was trying to put a spin on it. — M. Pols. (PG: language.)

**"HALLOWEEN":** A title who steps out of a sleepy French village. He wants? A retired actor named Michael Douglas is about to find out. The enough of these he goes off each other. They are and music, the heart of the picture. And even if things become more and continued. It's about the spiritual of these men that are

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# Events

## STAGE

**ACTORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY** — "The Bacchae" by Euripides, June 21 through July 6. The play follows the god Dionysus and his revenge against a hateful king.

Free. Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 p.m. John Hinkel Park, Southampson Avenue and Somerset Place, Berkeley. 510-525-1620 or [www.aefberkeley.org](http://www.aefberkeley.org)

**AURORA THEATRE COMPANY** — "Therese Raquin," by Emile Zola, June 26 through July 27. Zola's adaptation of the novel set in the 19th century, in which a young married woman conspires with her lover, a man from her past, to murder her husband. This sinister plot sets a chain of events into motion that leads to a nightmarish conclusion.

\$32 to \$38. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or [www.auroratheatre.com](http://www.auroratheatre.com)

**BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE** — "The Guys" by Anne Nelson, through July 5. The 9/11-inspired drama finds Nick, a New York City fire captain, silenced by grief over the loss of his colleagues and friends. When he is asked to write eulogies for his "guys," he discovers he cannot do it. He meets Joan, an editor who will help him, and in turn they both learn to deal with their grief. The two-person show has rotating actors in it. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; June 21 and June 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; July 5, 2 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. \$10 to \$54.

Through June 22: Linda Purl and Joe Spano. June 24 through July 5: Wanda De Jesus and Jimmy Smits. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2349, 888-48TRIX or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

**CENTRAL WORKS THEATRE ENSEMBLE** — "The Wyrd Sisters" by Gary Graves, through July 13. A comedic play based on William Shakespeare's "King Lear," following the story of three sisters.

\$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-558-1381 or [www.centralworks.com](http://www.centralworks.com)

**MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE** — "The Threepenny Opera" by Bertolt Brecht, through July 19. A musical satire on the bourgeoisie society of the Weimar Republic. An English adaptation by Marc Blitzstein.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, 2:30 p.m. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031 or [www.masquers.org](http://www.masquers.org)

**SHOTGUN PLAYERS** — "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, closing June 22. In honor of the 50th anniversary of this "play for voices," Thomas' work has been resuscitated to show again a typical day in a coastal Welsh town, Llareggub. The tale exposes the darkly comic undercurrents of some 50 satirical and colorful characters.

\$18 general; \$12 children and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

**THEATREFIRST** — "A Map of the World," closing June 29. A multi-layered play dealing with America's difficult relationship with Third World countries.

\$16 to \$19 general; half-price for persons under 25; \$13 to \$16 seniors and students. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Ehmman Hall, Oakland YWCA, 1515 Webster St., Oakland. 510-436-5085 or [www.theatrefirst.com](http://www.theatrefirst.com)

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ASHKENAZ** — Fania, June 20, 9 p.m.

\$14 to \$16. Johnny Nocturne and Mz. Dee, June 21, 9:30 p.m. Swing dance lessons with Nick and Shanna at 8 p.m. \$13 Caribbean Kids' Show with Asheba, June 22, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$5 general; \$3 children; free children under 1 year old. D.B. Walker Band, June 24, 9 p.m. \$7 Coodril, June 25, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons with Patti Whitehurst at 8 p.m. \$9 Big Brutha Soul, June 27, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

Don Carlos with Reggae Angels and Jah Light Music, June 28, 9:30 p.m. \$14 to \$16. Flamenco Open Stage, June 29, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. An evening of dancers, guitarists and singers featuring Alicia and Roberto Zamora. \$9. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** — Seventy, June 20. Nicole McRory, June 21, June 25 and June 28. The Shots, June 26. Rustbelt, June 27.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — Orix, The Audre Sessions, Fine By Me, June 20. \$6. Hyim Sextet, Thunderpussy, Fiyawata, June 21. \$6.

Listen, Banquet, June 22. \$3. The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, June 23. \$5. Third World, June 25. \$5. Spank, June 26. \$5.

U.D.I., 11/5, Da Duke Boys, ADR LaVey, Pho-Bala, June 27. \$7. Psychokinetics, Kirby Dominant, June 28. \$7.

The Landrus Project, Johnny Sketch, June 29. \$3. For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or [www.blakesontelegraph.com](http://www.blakesontelegraph.com)

**CATO'S ALE HOUSE** — Voodoo Aisle 9, June 22. Vince Wallace Trio, June 25. Jose Roberto y Sus Amigos, June 28. The Shots, June 29.

Free. Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349 or [www.mrcato.com](http://www.mrcato.com)

**DOWNTOWN** — Joshi Marshall, June 20. Hal Stein, June 21. Mimi Fox, June 24. Jules Broussard and Ned Boynton, June 25.

Kenil El Lebrjano Flamenco Guitar, June 26. Kim Nalley, June 27. Sylvia and the Silvertones, June 28. Free. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or [www.downtownrestaurant.com](http://www.downtownrestaurant.com)

**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Wake the Dead, June 20. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Vienna Tene, June 21. \$15.50 to \$16.50. Sourdough Slim, June 22. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Paul Thorn, June 25. \$15.50 to \$16.50. Ruthie Foster with Cyd Cassone, June 26. \$15.50 to \$16.50. Shana Morrison, June 27. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

House Jacks, June 28. \$16.50 to \$17.50. Arin Simonian, June 29. \$14.50 to \$15.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1760 or 510-762-BASS or [www.freightandsalvage.org](http://www.freightandsalvage.org)

**GREEK THEATRE** — Beck, Dashboard Confessional, Black Keys, June 22. 3 p.m. \$39.50. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS, 415-421-TIXS, [www.cc.com](http://www.cc.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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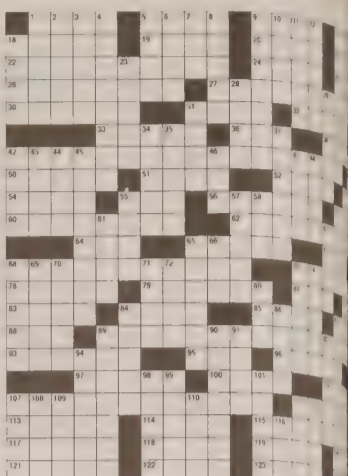
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**KIMBALLS EAST** — Kim Waters, June 20 and June 21, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Harvey Mason, June 27 and June 28, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. \$28. Emeryville Public Market, Christie Ave., Emeryville. 510-762-BASS or [www.kimball.com](http://www.kimball.com)

**LA PENNA CULTURAL CENTER** — Suzanne Pitson, June 27, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14. Jesus Diaz y Su QBA, June 28, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or [www.lapenna.org](http://www.lapenna.org)

**MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB** — "Sea Chanties and Songs of the Waterways," Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. 510-552-6263 or [www.mcgrathspub.com](http://www.mcgrathspub.com)

**924 GILMAN ST.** — Viru Nini, Ene-mies, Frisk, Endless Struggle, Statch and the Lads, June 20. Under a Dying Sun, Light the Fuse and Run, Transistor Transistor, Boxing Water, Angry For Life, June 21. Babyland, Replicator, June 28.

Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926

**PARAMOUNT THEATRE** — Al Green, June 28, 7:30 p.m. \$45.50 to \$55.50, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 925-685-TIXS, 510-625-TIXS, 415-421-TIXS or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE** — The Starboard Watch featuring Skip Henderson, Thursdays, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland. 510-536-2050.

**7TH ANNUAL MUSIC AND MARKET SERIES** — Norton Buffalo and Friends, June 26. Free. Todos Santos Plaza, Willow Pass Road and Grant Street, Concord. 925-671-3464 or [www.concordfirst.org](http://www.concordfirst.org)

**STARRY PLOUGH PUB** — Juicer, Drunk Horse, Replicator, June 20. \$7. The Servants, June 21. \$6.

The Starry Irish Music Session with Shay Black, June 22 and June 29. Belle de Gama, Low Flying Owls, Liz Anah Band, June 26. \$5.

Doralford, Sushirobo, Love is Chemicals, June 27. \$6.

Mark Growden and the Electric Pinata. Molihili Orchestra, June 28. \$6.

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

**YOSHI'S** — Isaac Delgado, through June 22. \$10 to \$26. Tribute to Eric Dolphy, June 23. \$20. Celia Mahlerios, June 24. \$5 to \$10. Orelia Baobab, June 25 and June 26. \$26.

Los Hornos Calientes, June 27 through June 29. Featuring Irvin Mayfield and Bill Summers. \$10 to \$24. Sunday Children's Matinee: \$10 per adult with one child, \$5 children.

Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or [www.yoshis.com](http://www.yoshis.com) or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com)

**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — "Solos with Piano: An Evening of Music and Dance with Mikhail Baryshnikov and Pianist Koji Attwood," June 20 through June 22. The evening features one of the world's most recognized dancers in a special performance of works by choreographers Lucinda Childs, Michael Clark, Cesc Gelabert, and O'Connor, Eliot Feld and Ruth Davidson. \$60 to \$86. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse,

University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988 or [www.calperforms.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperforms.berkeley.edu)

**DIABLO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** — "Fiesta Mexicana," June 29, 2 p.m. Conducted by Joyce Johnson-Hamilton, singer Manuel Romero will lead the symphony in Mexican and patriotic songs in honor of the Fourth of July.

\$8 to \$18. Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 925-943-7469 or [www.dlcsa.org](http://www.dlcsa.org)

**SIXTH GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL** — June 25 through June 28. Nine children's choirs from locations around the world, including Jakarta, Vladivostok, Nakhodka, Havana and the United States, will perform, singing the songs of their homelands.

June 25, 3 p.m.: All choirs will perform. At Latter-Day Saints Auditorium, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland.

June 26, 7:30 p.m. Choirs from Oregon, Vladivostok, Florida and Havana will perform at St. Joseph's Basilica, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda. Free.

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## Marjorie Pyles Honzik

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1908-2003

Marjorie Pyles Honzik, a distinguished child psychologist an Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, died June 16, 2003 in a nursing home near Fresno, California. She was 94.

Marjorie was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. Her parents had been teachers in South Dakota. Her father moved to Africa in 1900 to work in the mining industry there, followed by her mother in 1906. They married there. Marjorie was born in 1908 and her only sibling, Hamilton, was born in 1909. From early childhood, Marjorie was drawn to babies. She was struck by the difference between African and European treatment of children, the former more overtly loving and the latter more stern and formal. Her interest in child development began with these early observations. Marjorie loved her English boarding school in South Africa. Perhaps the school is where she developed the refined manner and slight accent that stayed with her throughout life.

When Marjorie and her brother reached college age, they moved with their mother from South Africa to California to attend the University of California. Marjorie's father joined the family in California a few years later. Marjorie had trained to be a professional pianist, but ultimately majored in psychology, graduating in 1930. She was an excellent student and loved learning, though she once received a low grade in physical education. After a two-year fellowship in the National Child Research Center in Washington, D.C. she returned to Berkeley for post-graduate work in the Department of Psychology. She received her Ph.D. in 1935.

A year earlier, Marjorie had married a fellow psychology student, Charles H. Honzik. They had two children, Eleanor in 1938 and Elizabeth in 1941. The family was living in Honolulu when Pearl Harbor was attacked, just two months after Elizabeth's birth. They returned to the mainland in a crowded and blacked out boat, escorted by warships. Charles had served in the army in World War I and was a psychological counselor for the Veterans Administration during and after World War II.

After two years in Salt Lake City, the family settled permanently in Berkeley, half a mile south of the University. Family life was filled with music, books, scholarship, summer trips, and relatives. Marjorie remained close to her parents and brother, and Charles remained close to his six sisters. Marjorie had worked as an undergraduate and graduate student at Berkeley's Institute for Child Development, famous for its pioneering longitudinal studies of child development. She continued there throughout her professional life. She was part of the Institute almost from its beginning, in 1927, and became well known as one of its prominent researchers. When Marjorie's children reached their teens, she began teaching courses on child development at Berkeley and at Mills College.

During the early 1970's, the University of California was under heavy criticism for discrimination against women. After studying university records, the federal Office of Civil Rights found Marjorie to be a dramatic example of a woman unfairly treated. However, Marjorie played down the incident and kept her name out of public discussion.

Marjorie retired in 1980, after four and a half decades with the University. She continued to live in Berkeley, remained active in research, and traveled extensively around the world. Over her long career, Marjorie published many influential works, especially on intellectual development. Among other honors, she was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1984.

Marjorie is survived by her daughters, Eleanor Honzik Christensen and Elizabeth Honzik Conlisk, by her husband, and by five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her grandson John Christensen, now Father Damascene, presided at the funeral services at the St. Peter The Apostle Orthodox Church in Fresno, CA, on Thursday June 19, 2003 at 11am.

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Expire May 06, 2008  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business: "ALL ABOUT ELECTRIC" is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
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/s/ Ryan Michael Snyder  
16922 Tyne Court  
Dublin, CA 94568

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Free. Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-521-6887 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**ROBERT SIBLEY VOLCANIC REGIONAL PRESERVE** — This park contains Round Top, one of the highest peaks in the Oakland hills. Free. 6800 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. 510-521-6887 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**TILDEN REGIONAL PARK** — "Owl's Well That Ends Well," June 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Dissect owl pellets, learn about owl behavior, and make owl trading cards. Registration required. \$2.

"Slitherin'," June 21, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Check out the park's snakes and learn about the part they play in nature.

"Native Plants and Insects," June 22, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Take a nature walk to identify native plants and learn about the insects that hang out around them. For ages 8 and above.

"Intro to Golf," June 27, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A relaxed atmosphere will lend well to learning the basics of golf, including pre-shot fundamentals, terminology, equipment and swing techniques. For ages 14 and above. Registration required. 510-636-1684. \$50 to \$66.

**NATURE AREA** — "Meet and Greet Time: Bunnies," June 22, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Come over and get to know the new Dutch rabbits.

"Native Plants and Insects," June 22, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Take a nature walk and learn to identify native plants and the insects that live around them. For ages 8 and above.

"Kids Garden Club," June 28, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about soil and how to make plant beds and collect clay for pottery. For ages 7 to 12. Registration required. 510-525-2233. \$5 to \$7. Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. 510-525-2233 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**UC-BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDEN** — ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants.

**TOURS** — Botanical Garden Tours, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Cen-

ter for a free docent tour. \$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children; free on Thursday. Through Sept. 2: Daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 510-643-2755 or [www.mlp.berkeley.edu/garden](http://www.mlp.berkeley.edu/garden)

## EXHIBITS

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CO-OPERATIVE GALLERY** — "Midstream," closing June 21. An exhibit of photography by Catherine Adams Stone, Alex Ambrose, Barbara Bobes and Dafna Kory.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 11 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527 [www.accgallery.com](http://www.accgallery.com).

**BERKELEY ART CENTER** — "Unbound and Under Covers: Experiments in Visual Writing," through July 27. An exhibit of works by writers who work with visual media, and visual artists who use the written word, including Betsy Davids, Dale Going, Marie Carbone, Susan E. King, Lisa Kokin, Jaime Robles, Teague Soderman, Indigo Som and Meredith Stricker. Readings, June 21, 7 p.m.

The artists in the exhibit read their work. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org).

**CRAFT AND CULTURAL ARTS GALLERY** — "bigLITTLE: Jewelers and Sculptors Making It In Metal,"

closing June 27. Works by 103 metalsmiths from the United States, Canada and the U.K. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Craft and Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Office Building, Altrium, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. 510-238-6952.

## EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS

"Plane Truths," closing June 29. An exhibit featuring 10 artists with works of mixed media, prints, photography, painting and sculpture. Free. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

**GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION** — EXHIBITS — "Hand-Crafted Books by Bay Area Artists," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of hand-crafted books designed by Zea Morwitz, Mary Eubank, Nance O'Banion, Ted Purves, Susanne Cockrell, Karen Sjöholm and Lisa Kokin. Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

**KALA ART INSTITUTE** — "Water World," closing June 21. An exhibit of works of photographically-based im-

ages of water using photography, digital imaging and video, by a group of artists. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977 or [www.kala.org](http://www.kala.org) or [www.agustarte.org](http://www.agustarte.org).

## MUSEUMS

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY** — "Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography," through Aug. 31. Part I of an exhibition exploring the history of black photography from 1840 to the present. This exhibit, titled "The First 100 Years: 1842-1942," covers African American pioneers in photography, who used new techniques such as daguerotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereographs, composite printing and flash photography to form technical and pictorial history of African American life. Some of the photographers included in this section are Jules Lion, James Presley Ball, Daniel Freeman, Arthur P. Bedou and Florestine Per-

raut Collins. The other parts of the exhibition are at the Oakland Museum of California and the Mills College Art Museum.

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary

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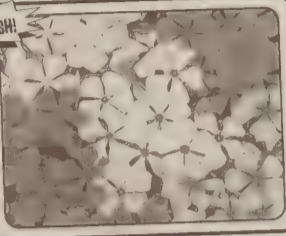
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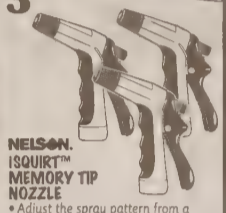


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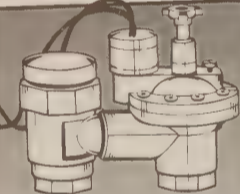


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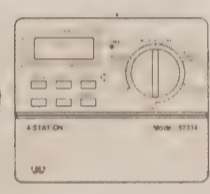
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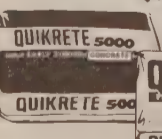


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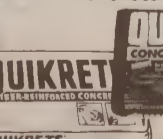


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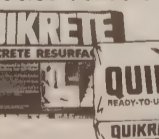
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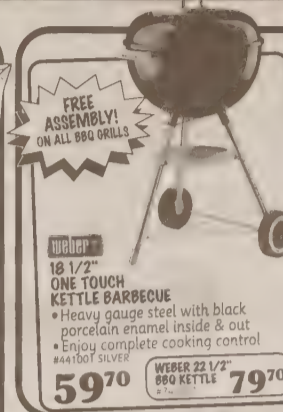
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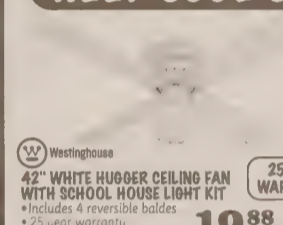


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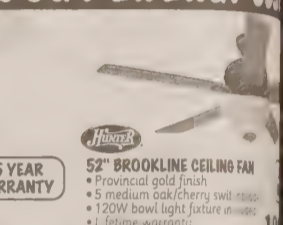


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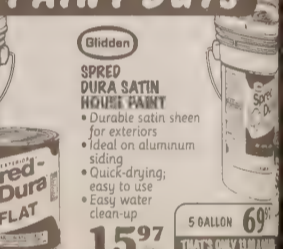


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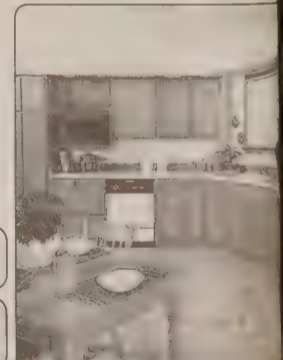
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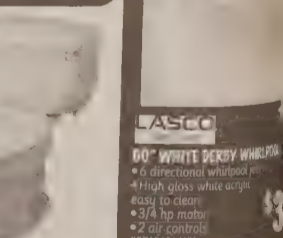
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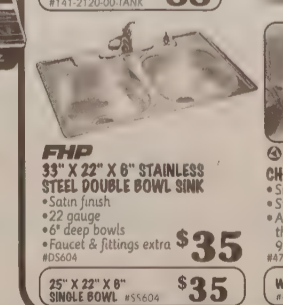
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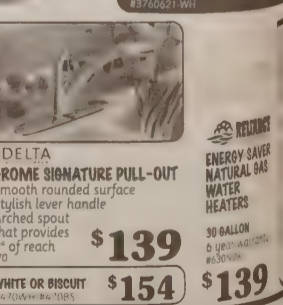
**Eljer**  
**PATRIOT TOILET**  
• White  
• 2" trapway - no clogs  
• Large 9 1/2" x 10" water surface area - cleaner bowl  
• Seat extra  
#131-2120-00 BOWL **\$79**  
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**ELONGATED WHITE PATRIOT TOILET** #131-2125-00 BOWL **\$88**  
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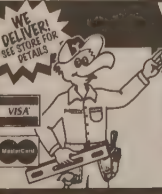
**DELTA**  
**CHROME SIGNATURE PULL-OUT**  
• Smooth rounded surface  
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• Arched spout that provides 9" of reach  
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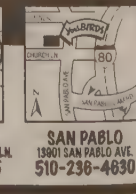
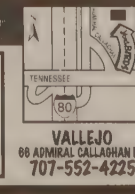
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Section D

**MICHELLE KREBS**  
Down the Road

get better but  
stand out  
the crowd

**MOTOR MATTERS**  
Memorial Day, I attended  
with a bunch of folks un-  
to the automobile business  
In my hometown of De-  
they were in law, real estate,  
and insurance.

they all expressed a pas-  
sion for cars. Knowing I am an au-  
diophile, they grilled me  
on the latest offerings from the  
big boys.  
The initial enthusiasm died  
when the real estate broker, who,  
I learned, leased a BMW X5 and  
a Volvo Cross Country, com-  
plained that, while he's always on  
the lookout for something new to  
drive, he just wasn't anything out  
there that really turned him on.

He thought. Wouldn't the au-  
diophile just love to hear that com-  
pare they are pumping bil-  
lions of dollars a year into new  
development, and this guy  
is a vehicle that he likes.  
Manufacturers are investing heav-  
ily in new products because they  
know the company with the  
hottest product wins the  
game—at least temporarily  
over the one that has the aged  
models, or has to sell using  
tax incentives.

As a result, never before has  
there been more choice for con-  
sumers than now.  
The Realtor's comment tied  
up something I had been think-  
ing of late as I have been test-  
ing the 2004 crop of new offer-  
ings. This, it is becoming

WHEELING, Page D2



**THE RUBICON**, named for the rugged trail in California, is a Jeep Wrangler that tackles steep hills and boulders with ease, but the ride is bouncy, and noisy when driving on regular roads.

## Jeep's Wrangler Rubicon makes mountain climbing fun

**MOTOR MATTERS**  
Want to go mountain climbing?  
Jump into a Wrangler Rubicon and  
join me.

This rough-and-tough Jeep will  
get us up and down rocky moun-  
tains with ease. Maybe the word  
"ease" is misleading because we'll  
bounce around quite a bit, but that's  
the enjoyment of this off-road vehi-  
cle.

The name Rubicon is derived  
from the Rubicon Trail in California  
that is an extremely steep incline  
composed of one boulder after an-  
other. A very special off-road vehi-

cle is required to conquer it, and  
the 2003 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon is  
that special vehicle.

Climbing a hill of this caliber is  
done very slowly. As the wheels  
transfer from one boulder to an-  
other, the vehicle could drop, crash-  
ing the underside on the rocks.

To protect the underpinnings, a  
plate has been installed on the un-  
derside, and the LT245/75R16 tires  
have been mounted on 16-inch,  
five-spoke aluminum wheels to pro-  
vide 10-inch clearance for greater  
protection.

This Jeep Rubicon features lock-

**TOM KEANE**  
Keane on Wheels

ing front- and rear-differentials, and  
a 4:1 low-range transfer case allows  
the vehicle to be driven below 10  
mph.

A dash-mounted push-button  
switch permits the driver to lock on  
the rear and front axles or just the  
rear differential for better traction  
and handling.

The Wrangler now has a 4.0-liter

Power Tech six-cylinder engine pro-  
viding 190 horsepower that is linked  
to a four-speed automatic trans-  
mission. Naturally, a four-wheel drive  
system is part of the package.

Another feature new for the 2003  
model is four-wheel disc brakes  
helping to give the Rubicon a  
shorter stopping distance. Inciden-  
tally, off-road, these brakes are self-  
cleaning.

Mechanically, the Rubicon is  
about as good as any off-road ve-  
hicle gets when it comes to moun-  
tain climbing.

For everyday street use, how-

ever, it's a different story: getting  
into the vehicle is itself a climb, as  
one must clear a ledge that is 27  
inches off the ground. That can be  
a real struggle—especially for any-  
one wearing a dress.

The interior corresponds to the  
mountain ruggedness of the Rubi-  
con. Plexiglass replaces glass win-  
dows, and zippers are used to open  
and close them.

Even though its front seats move  
further forward than those of the old  
model, it's still a struggle to get into

See KEANE, Page D3

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| MSRP  | \$15,460        |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |  |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |   |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |   |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |
| Bill Nelson Disc.   | -\$1,500        |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |  |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |   |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |   |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |
| Rebate  | -\$4,000        |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |  |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |   |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |   |      |          |                   |          |        |          |                 |                 |
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# Is there a fuel cell in your RVing future?

MOTOR MATTERS

Ever since the dawn of the space program we've heard about the fuel cells used to provide electric power to spacecrafts.

Those mysterious and horribly expensive devices have kept our astronauts' electrical systems up and running, and when they have failed, as in the case of Apollo 13, they have almost brought the space mission to an end.

Automotive manufacturers are working to bring fuel cell technology to the mass market for a variety of very good reasons.

Fuel cells as power sources make a lot of sense because they run very cleanly, with virtually no poisonous or noxious emissions; they're powered by hydrogen, a non-toxic, renewable fuel source; they're generally very reliable; and they make almost no noise in operation. At the moment, cost is the major drawback to fuel cells.

Clean Fuel Generation LLC is on the path toward developing a functional fuel-cell-powered generator for RV use. The company recently demonstrated a series of new technologies it has developed to make such generators possible, not to mention practical.

The CFG prototype system is

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rated at approximately 2.5-kilowatts of output, and the technology is adaptable to produce between 1- and 10-kilowatts or more. When the company places its first functional fuel cell generator in an RV application, it's expected to be rated at approximately 5-kilowatts.

The only noise emanating from the fuel cell generator will be the hum of a small electric cooling fan and perhaps the sound of a small electric water pump.

"RVs and stationary applications are well suited for this technology if the systems are correctly sized. If fuel cells are undersized as related to maximum kilowatt output demand, and rely on battery backup for peak loads, the fuel cell system can be overburdened, resulting in fuel cell degradation and shorter lifetime," said Dr. Iraj Parchamzad, CFG co-founder.

"This is why CFG's advancements are so important; we can scale-up our system to meet load demands."

There are several major hurdles to overcome before an RV-style fuel cell generator will be available to

the general public. Cost and fuel availability are big stumbling blocks — as is packaging.

A fuel cell runs on hydrogen, and produces 120-volts of AC power (or other voltages as desired) via an electrochemical process, but there is little infrastructure available for refueling hydrogen-powered motor vehicles or devices.

CFG has developed an exclusive and proprietary reformer that allows readily-available hydrocarbon fuels to be converted into hydrogen. In this case, the system uses LP gas, already a commonplace part of RV technology, as a source for the hydrogen needed for the fuel cell.

A vital part of the reforming process is purification of the LP gas to remove impurities such as sulfur. The CFG-patented purifier helps extend the service life and output of the fuel cell stack by providing it with clean hydrogen fuel.

By-products of the LP-gas conversion process, known as the co-generation output, include: space heat, which can supplement or replace the RV furnace; hot water, to serve as space heat or to replace the water heater; and fresh water, which can be directed to the fresh water tank.



An internal-combustion generator operates at about 15 percent efficiency. A fuel-cell generator would operate at about 40 percent efficiency, and with the addition of co-generation output, that figure jumps to about 80 percent efficiency.

Packaging the fuel cell to fit in the space occupied by an average RV generator is a challenge simply because of the component's size and complexity.

Finally, cost is a big stumbling block. Even with the cost-reduction

considerations of mass production and the economies of scale, CFG has a tough row to hoe.

A single fuel cell stack purchased for research purposes is stickered at about \$30,000-plus.

The company plans to have its fuel-cell generators priced at, or slightly above, that of a premium internal-combustion generator available today. It's going to be a long journey.

CFG plans to have beta-test fuel cell generators on line by late 2003

## Freewheeling

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increasingly difficult for automakers to develop breakthrough vehicles that leapfrog the competition.

Each product they come out with is, indeed, better than the one it replaces, and may be, in very tiny ways, better than some or all of its competitors. But the improvements are subtle and incremental.

For instance, I test-drove the 2004 Ford F-150 pickup truck. The F-150 is critical to Ford as it represents a quarter of its annual sales volume and a huge chunk of its profits.

Plus, the F-Series has been not only the best-selling truck, but the best-selling vehicle for more than two decades. Loss of leadership in either category would be a crushing blow to Ford, already struggling to dig itself out of red ink.

Yet, as my colleagues and I boarded the plane after our Arizona test-drive of the F-150 against its competitors, we concluded the F-150, indeed, was a fine truck, but

so are its competitors. There's not a bad one among them.

The new F-150 is a far better pickup than the one it replaces with loads of innovation. And in many categories it surpasses the competition. But does it leapfrog the competition? No. It is incrementally better.

Another case in point was my recent test-drive of the 2004 Jaguar XJ, the flagship sedan for the British marque, which features an innovative aluminum body and classic Jaguar styling. It is a lovely automobile.

But, is it exponentially better than its competitors from BMW and Mercedes-Benz and the like? No. In fact, I argued to my driving companion that, were you to cover the growler on the steering wheel and other Jaguar badging, you'd be hard-pressed to identify which luxury brand the car was.

Indeed, in the luxury segment, it is hard to imagine how much more luxury and technology an automaker could pack into a vehicle to leapfrog the competition. BMW is trying with its iDrive control system for technology, with mixed results.

Then there's Chrysler hailing its Pacifica as "the next big thing," the next segment buster. It's a terrific family hauler, but is it truly breakthrough?

Not with everyone else nipping at its heels with similar offerings.

Though Cadillac refuses to acknowledge the Chrysler Pacifica as a competitor, I insist its SRX is of the same genre as the Pacifica.

What is clear is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to one-up the competition and capture the fancy of the consumer — like my Realtor friend.

No one company gets everything right, which has always been the intriguing thing to me about the automobile business. Lexus and Saturn have the customer satisfaction tops. Toyota and Honda are tops in quality. Others have their day in the sun with styling.

But no one gets the whole package right all the time. The company that does get everything right — customer service, quality, styling, ride and handling and price — would be truly breakthrough, and the big winner.



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# Ownership of a 1970 Pontiac Catalina a result of motherly ad

## MOTOR MATTERS

Ed Saulnier's first new car was a sporty 1966 Pontiac Tempest. He concedes that it was noisy, which was part of its charm and appeal — at least to him.

However, the car was not air conditioned, which meant that during the warmer months the windows were down and the decibel level was up. Whenever his mother would ride in the car she would complain about how loud it was. Wasn't it about time he got an adult car, she asked.

Mothers rarely steer their sons wrong, so, in November 1969, Saulnier took the hint and special-ordered a 1970 Pontiac Catalina: a two-door, pillarless hardtop coupe.

The powerplant is a 400-cubic-inch, 290-horsepower V8 engine fed by a single two-barrel carburetor. His handsome Catalina weighs in just shy of 2 tons and cruises comfortably on a 122-inch wheelbase.

"It was the first car I owned with an air conditioner and an automatic transmission," Saulnier said. And most importantly, the car was mother-recommended.

The pepper green metallic Pontiac arrived at the dealership and was ready for delivery on Dec. 9, 1969.

He drove his 1966 Tempest to the dealership and was generously allowed \$800 as a trade for his new Catalina.

The base price of the wide-track Pontiac was only \$3,028, but he opted for another \$1,290 in extra-cost options including: air conditioning, Turbo 400 Hydramatic, AM/FM stereo radio, power steering, decor group, power front disc brakes, 2-BBL 400 V8 engine, tinted glass, vinyl trim, H78x15 whitewall tires, a rear speaker, special springs and shocks, and an underhood reel-out lamp.

Added to the total were freight charges of \$166.47 and, of course, the dealer's

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friend, \$35 for undercoating.

When the dust had settled, Saulnier owed \$4,691.24. "That was a lot of money back then," he says. In those days, many people would buy a new car every three to five years.

However, if that \$4,691.24 is amortized over the 33 years that he has owned the car, it works out to be about \$142 a year.

The first few years were spent commuting to work and towing a sailboat — when not courting his girlfriend. Right after the couple wedded in 1972, Saulnier's bride went to Oregon to teach deaf children. When her teaching duty concluded, he drove his Pontiac to Oregon to retrieve her.

Later, they transported their children to all the usual childhood activities, including family vacations to Florida, Quebec and Chicago. As the children reached their teen years, Saulnier said they learned to drive on the trustworthy Pontiac.

His big Catalina was popular with his fellow car poolers. He was the king of the high-occupancy vehicle lane. With the front split-bench seat, the car comfortably seated six.

"In his best years," Saulnier said, "it got 18.5 miles per gallon during highway driving and 10 or 11 around town."

Even with that gasoline mileage he managed to muddle through the 1973 gasoline crisis with the help of the portable gas tank from his boat. He repeated this achievement during the gas shortage of 1979.

The beautiful paint color that initially attracted him did not hold up well and he gave it a cheap paint job, which wasn't very satisfactory. That was followed a few years



OWNER still has the 1970 Pontiac Catalina he bought new, having repainted the exterior, replaced the top and But, the interior is all original.

later by a slightly better grade of cheap repainting

Finally, when the car was about 20 years old, he had it stripped at a good paint shop and properly repainted. At the same time a new cream-colored vinyl roof covering was installed, along with new old stock front and rear bumpers. The weather-worn old ones are stored in his attic.

Saulnier says the interior is all original. He has now owned the big Pontiac Catalina exactly one-half of his life, proving that mother knows best.

## DaimlerChrysler to introduce new way to drive and call

BY JEFF BENNETT  
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

DETROIT — DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group might have found a way to give a cell-phone-craving nation what it wants most — the chance to talk hands-free on their own cell phones without attaching wires to their heads or installing ugly gizmos in their vehicles.

The automaker recently rolled out the UConnect system, which wirelessly links a motorist's cell phone with a microphone installed in the vehicle. It works with any cell phone that uses a special wireless system called Bluetooth.

Initially, the system will come factory installed only on the 2004 Pacifica, but it can be purchased at Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealerships and loaded on almost all DaimlerChrysler vehicles dating to 1994.

Thilo Koslowski, vice president and lead automotive analyst for Gartner/G2, has tested the system and said it comes the closest to giving customers what they want.

"The basic fundamental lesson is don't replicate the personal computer experience in the car," Koslowski said. "Others have tried to give consumers access to e-mail and online information. The vehicle is a mobility tool, and consumers are interested in doing what they are used to in a car, talking and driving."

To make a call, the motorist pushes the UConnect button, which connects the cell phone to the microphone. The motorist then states the name or number. The system stores up to 32 names, and four numbers per name.

The voice-recognition system responds, confirms the number and dials. The number appears on the face of the radio as it is being dialed. The radio speakers provide the sound on the factory-installed version, while a separate speaker is installed on the dealer option.

Up to five cell phones can register with the system.

The customer needs to have a Bluetooth-enabled telephone. Bluetooth connects two electronic products together via a radio frequency. Several cellular phone providers, including AT&T, T-Mobile and Nextel, offer Bluetooth phones ranging from \$100 to \$300.

Chrysler Group, which has already spent millions researching and refining UConnect over the past two years, is throwing the dice in the risky telematics business. Telematics is two-way data and voice communication

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Seven generations of the XJ, from the 1968 XJ6 to the latest XJ6R unveiled in 2004, have represented contemporary British automotive luxury.

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Each generation of the XJ has offered a new set of attractions that appeal to the traditional Jaguar buyers: elegance, style, performance and spirited performance. But recent customer preferences showed the new XJ had to address an additional demand — more interior space.

Now, the XJ is larger in all respects than its predecessor with a more spacious interior, that would mean addressing the need to improve performance, a lighter — not heavier — vehicle to be built. The answer to the dilemma is aluminum.

The new XJ's body structure uses panels stamped from sheet aluminum, combined with aluminum alloy extrusions and castings. Jaguar engineers have used the proven construction technology of the aerospace industry to assure this structure.

The new Jaguar XJ features an industry use of rivet-bonding construction in aluminum-intensive body.

Rivet-bonding uses self-piercing rivets and adhesives for strength and durability. The adhesives are applied by robots in assembly and are heat-cured during vehicle painting process.

Nearly 3,200 rivets are used in the construction of the new body. The result is a body that is 60 percent stiffer and 40 percent lighter, making the fully assembled vehicle almost 200 pounds lighter than its predecessor.

Magnesium, which is as strong as aluminum but 30 percent lighter, is used for the new XJ's seat frames and cross-bar that supports the dashboard, instrument panel and steering column.

The new XJ structure is also engineered for durability, a key factor in determining insurance premiums. A bolt-on front-end module is designed to reduce the cost of wind collision damage.

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But there's more to the new XJ than just a new aluminum body. The XJ6 and Vanden Plas share their 4.2-liter V8 engines with the recently launched 2003 S-TYPE and XK. The increase from 4.0- to 4.2-liters delivers seven percent more power and torque.

The supercharged 4.2-liter V8 continues the Jaguar tradition of offering stunning performance. It delivers 390 horsepower, 33 percent more power than the normally aspirated version with which it shares its underlying technology.

Along with the new engine, Jaguar offers a ZF six-speed automatic transmission. It's the same transmission BMW uses in the 7 Series.

Jaguar's unique J-gate gear selector system is adapted to suit the new six-speed transmission, and now features electronic control. On the right-hand side of the selector gate is the traditional "PRND" layout, which, in the "D" position, provides fully automatic availability of all six gears.

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With other refinements such as adaptive cruise control, DVD navigation, four-zone climate control, adjustable pedals, voice control commands, electronic parking brake, and more, the new XJ should satisfy the luxury and performance demands of the most discriminating buyer.



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JAGUAR has outfitted its 2004 XJ with new technology and an aluminum body which provides a lighter vehicle with powerful performance.

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Following is an alphabetical list of Bay Area car clubs which runs periodically in the Auto section as space allows. Please send any corrections, additions to the Auto Editor, Contra Costa Times, 2640 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

### '53-'54 Studebaker Coupe Owners

3540 Middlefield Road  
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Attn: Dennis Hommel  
1937-1938 Buick Club  
Contact: Harry Logan  
1005 Rima Lane  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
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email: harrylogan@earthlink.net

### 700 Owners Club

1180 Hollenbeck Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
Alfa Romeo Association  
PO Box 4207  
Foster City, CA 94044  
President: Henrik Johansen, (415) 673-9703  
or GTV1750@pacbell.net  
Membership: Richard Thompson, 408-252-5410 or richthom@gte.net  
Newsletter: Overheard Cams  
Website: www.speedquest.com/ara  
Meetings: Every 1st Tuesday of the month, except January at various places around the Bay Area.

The purposes of the Alfa Romeo Association are: 1. To encourage the preservation and the efficient and proper operation and maintenance of Alfa Romeo automobiles; 2. To circulate technical information regarding such automobiles; 3. To seek out and exchange among the membership and others technical and mechanical information regarding such automobiles; 4. To promote and encourage safe driving upon the public highways; and 5. To monitor state and federal regulations directed to the restricting or preventing the ownership, operation, or licensing of, or collecting of enthusiast automobiles such as ALFA ROMEOs.

### Altamont Cruisers

PO Box 2144  
Livermore, CA 94551  
Attn: Ron and Kathy Sweet, 925-455-8232.  
Web site: www.AltamontCruisers.com  
Monthly show and shine at Foster's Freeze In Dublin last Saturday at 6 p.m. May through September (plus the 3rd Wednesday in August). Monthly meeting second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Livermore Police Dept. Community Room, 1110 S. Livermore Ave. For owners of American cars, 20 years or older. Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show in Carnegie Park, Livermore, the fourth Sunday of September. Newsletter; membership fee, \$25/year.

### Antique Automobile Club of America, California Region

President: Don Azevedo, 925-427-6624;  
Vice President: Tim Thibos, 925-825-2750;  
Secretary/Treasurer: Marc Henig, 707-428-0867. Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7 p.m. Call for meeting place. Car ownership not required; for those interested in automo-

biles 25 years and older. Dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of automobiles and automotive history. Web site: www.aaca.org.

### Arcane Auto Society

Information: Matt & Patty Spielberg, mspieberg@mindspring.com  
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### Austin Healey Club of America, Golden Gate Chapter

President: David Nock  
1160B La Rachele Terrace  
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Web site: www.jtpr-inc.com/ggahc  
Newsletter: Golden Gate Healey Happenings

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### Austin-Healey Club USA

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### Bay Area COBRA Club

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Web site: www.clubcobra.com  
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### Bay Area Miata Association/Miata Club of America

President: Craig Crawford, 408-736-7371  
Membership: Melanie Lewert  
mlemail@mindspring.com  
PO Box 61683  
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1663

Web site: www.bx.com/barna (for local info) or www.miata.net (for national info)  
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Newsletter BAMA Backroads lists activities including rallies, fun runs, autocrosses, social dinners, Laguna Seca historic races, and more. Membership is \$25 a year.

### Bay Area Mustang Association

PO Box 20292  
Castro Valley, CA 94546-8292  
Web site: http://bama.4mg.com

President: Chuck Wilens, 510-481-8784  
Meetings: 7 p.m. second Tuesday of month, except November, Castro Valley Women's Club, 18330 Redwood Road, all years and models of Mustangs welcome. BAMA is a regional member of Mustang Club of America and a member of the Nor-Cal Ford Car Club Council.

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## Call

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between vehicles and external sources. There have been hundreds of telematics ideas and companies that have tried and failed. Most notable was Wingcast, a joint venture between Ford Motor Co. and Qualcomm that was dissolved in 2002. Wingcast was expected to offer a variety of wireless services in Ford vehicles.

OnStar, General Motors Corp.'s telematics approach, offers motorists a variety of subscription services. OnStar started in 1996 and began posting a profit in 2002.

Jack Withrow, Chrysler's director of vehicle entertainment and communications, said this system has avoided the pitfalls of its predecessors because it is not offering subscription services or requiring them to leave behind their own cell phone and use one installed in the car.

"What people really want to do is talk on the phone in their cars," Withrow said. "They don't want to trade stocks or read e-mails. It's also a waste to offer people information services they are not going to pay for. Information is like water; it's everywhere."

The Uconnect system costs \$275 factory installed or \$299 dealer installed, not including labor.

More than 128 million people across the nation own cell phones. One in four drivers uses a cell phone while driving.

"People know that it's not a great thing to be holding a cell phone while driving but people want to be on the cell phone," Withrow said.

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"The Uconnect is a cell phone and doesn't have security features which can be provided through a system like OnStar."

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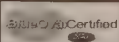


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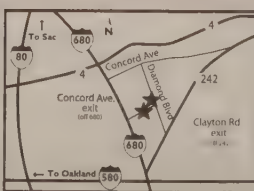
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**A** Noises can often be the first sign that something is wrong with a car. Here are a few common sounds:

■ A chirping noise, related to engine speed, is often caused by a worn or misaligned accessory drive belt.

■ A momentary squeal during acceleration might be due to a loose belt.

■ A knocking/pinging sound heard during acceleration (worse when warm/hot) is likely spark knock, a potentially damaging engine condition.

■ A psp-ppp noise heard from the engine area during acceleration (worse when cold) is probably caused by an exhaust leak — perhaps a faulty gasket or cracked manifold.

■ A deeper, more consistent exhaust rumble might be the result of

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a leaking muffler, catalytic converter or exhaust pipe.

■ A consistent clattering/ticking engine sound indicates the need for a valve adjustment or engine mechanical diagnosis.

■ An occasional squeal from the brakes is caused by brake pad vibration.

■ A more consistent squeal or deeper growl might indicate a serious metal-on-metal condition caused by worn-through brake friction material.

■ A repetitive clunking noise heard when turning sharply might be the result of a worn CV (constant velocity) joint (front-wheel-drive vehicles).

■ Clunks or rattles that occur during braking or when traversing bumps might be caused by loose suspension parts — a potentially serious situation.

■ A crunching or popping noise heard from the front of the car when turning is a common symptom of loose cradle (front-wheel-drive powertrain support structure) bolts.

Gloria, since the buzz appears at only certain times, my hunch is you're hearing a rattling catalytic converter heat shield, which is annoying but harmless.

According to Ford technical service bulletin 98-20-10, such a noise can be rectified by installing a pair of band clamps (4 1/2 to 9 1/2-inch range) around the converter and tightening them to 80 inch-pounds.

Many cars and trucks have additional heat shields attached to the lower body or other areas of the exhaust system. Over time it's not unusual for the thin metal shields to work loose from their mountings, crack, or simply vibrate under particular driving conditions.

If the noise is a deeper rattle — similar to shaking barbecue briquettes in a tin can — it's possible the catalytic converter's internal substrate has broken apart. This could be caused by an engine-management problem or ignition misfire.

Diagnosing either of the above conditions is easy with the vehicle safely elevated. Tapping various areas of the exhaust system or other locations with a rubber mallet should identify the source of the noise.

Be sure the root cause of a failed catalytic converter is found and rectified, to spare the replacement the same fate.

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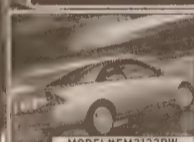
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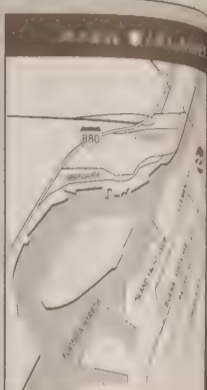
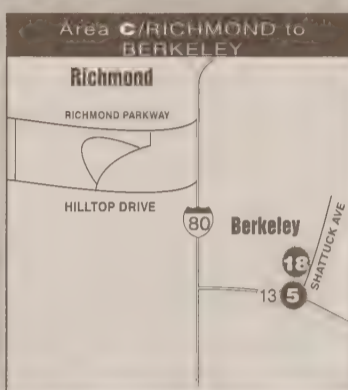
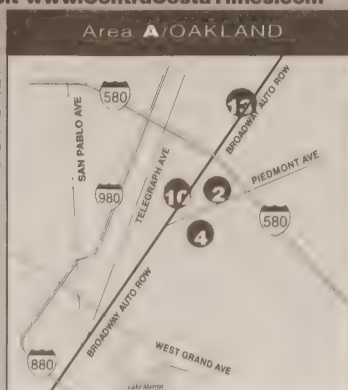
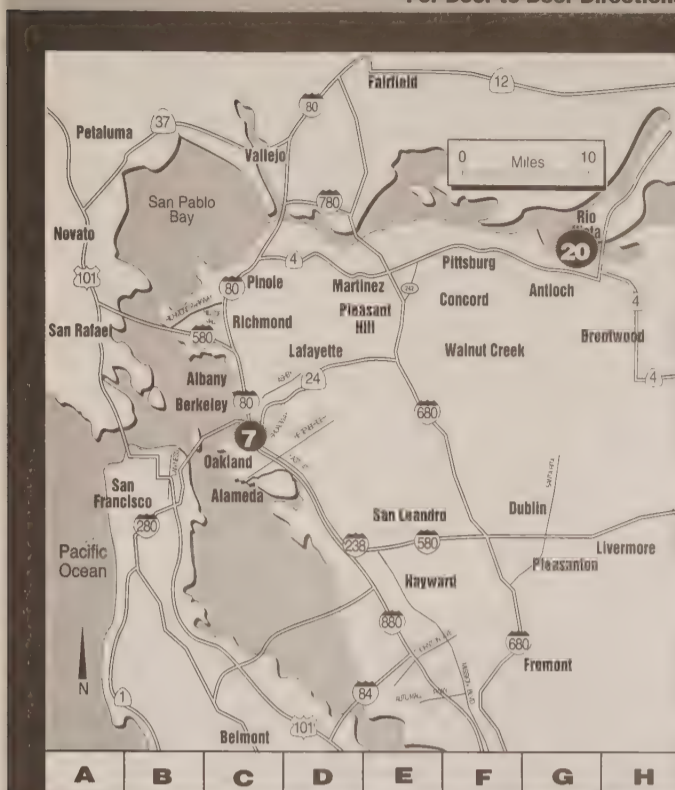
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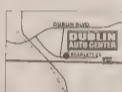
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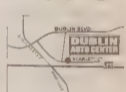
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## Sweet summertime surprises

Jet-Puffed Marshmallows  
and Oreo Cookies

Summer arrives Saturday. Capture the spirit of summer in the kitchen with treats that are fun — and easy to make. With a few basic ingredients, your family can create a dream garden dessert.

Easy chocolate-covered marshmallow ants, pretzel blooms, marshmallow snails, cookie flower butterflies.

Two main ingredients you'll find easy to find and easy to use — if your family can re-

frigerate to sneak a few:

package of America's favorite sandwich cookies

up for spring with a new

crème filling. Use

one or split in two. You can

split cookies without

filling to resemble dirt and

crème filling half as the

base of a spring bloom. Use whole

cookies to make creative critters.

bag of fresh-tasting, light

miniature marshmallows.

Use them to make marsh-

mallow snails or use them whole

to make. Use large marsh-

mallows to create Fruit & Mallow

for a fun-filled snack.

family will agree — this

work is fun!

ANGE DREAM GARDEN

Spring Oreo Chocolate

cookies, divided

into cold orange juice

packages (4-serving size)

vanilla instant pudding

1 tub (12 ounces) prepared  
whipped topping, thawed

4 cups Jet-Puffed Miniature  
Marshmallows

Easy Marshmallow Snails  
(recipe follows)

Flower Pops (recipe follows)

Gummy worms (optional)

Split 12 of the cookies, keep-

ing filling on one side of each

cookie; set aside split cookies with

filling. Coarsely crush 12 of the split

cookies without the filling and re-

maining 4 whole cookies; set

aside.

Add orange juice to pudding

mixes in medium bowl; beat with

wire whisk 2 minutes or until well

blended. Gently stir in whipped

topping until well blended. Stir in

marshmallows. Spoon into 2-1/2-

to 3-quart glass bowl.

Stand the reserved 12 split

cookies with filling around edge of

pudding mixture, alternating filling

sides of cookies facing in and out,

and pressing cookies down into

pudding mixture slightly. Sprinkle

cookie crumbs over pudding mix-

ture.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Deco-

rate with Easy Marshmallow

Snails, Flower Pops and gummy

worms as desired just before serv-

ing. Makes 16 (1/2-cup) servings.

How to Split Cookies: To split

cookies and keep filling on one

side of the cookie, use the end of

a metal spatula to separate one of

the chocolate wafers from the fill-

ing.

To Halve: Recipe can be easily

halved using 1 package pudding.

1 cup orange juice, 2  
cups whipped topping  
and 2 cups marshmal-  
lows. Prepare as directed,  
spooning ingredients into a  
1-1/2 quart glass serving bowl as  
directed.

Prep time: 30 minutes plus re-

frigerating.

**EASY MARSHMALLOW SNAILS**

1-3/4 cups Jet-Puffed Miniature

Marshmallows, divided

1 package (4-serving size)

gelatin, any flavor

1/2 cup warm water

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Set aside 12 of the miniature

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Mix gelatin and water in

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dissolved.

Stir in remaining marshmallows.

Microwave on HIGH 1 minute or

until marshmallows are partially

melted. Stir gently until marsh-

mallows are completely melted.

Pour into 9-inch square pan

sprayed with no stick cooking

spray.

Refrigerate 30 to 45 minutes or

until set. Run sharp knife around

edges of pan to loosen gelatin

layer from pan. Starting at 1 edge,

roll up gelatin layer tightly. Cut into

12 (3/4-inch-thick) slices.

See SURPRISES, Page 2



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**CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF SUMMER** in the kitchen with treats that are fun to make and to eat — Centipede, Cookie Frogs, Cookie Butterfly and Chocolate-Covered "Ants" (inset) and Orange Dream Garden with Flower Pops and Easy Marshmallow Snails and Fruit & Mallow Kabobs (above).

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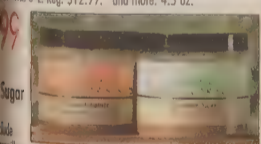
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# 90-year-old hiker not slowing down; plans to ski at least two runs when

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The women stop to gaze at the park's signature trees — crumbling, petrified sequoias that date back 38 million years.

With a deep, throaty laugh, Bailey breaks the silence. "At least I'm not that old."

By most measures, though, she is old — on this hike, just three days away from her 90th birthday. Like the trees, she has staying power, but she is far from fossilized, not crumbling at all and still full of energy.

Bailey has spent most of her life exploring and studying, and she hasn't let her age change anything.

In fact, as she hikes the wide, gravelly trail at the Fossil Beds, Bailey plans other adventures: a trip down the 12.7-mile Barr Trail on Pikes Peak, perhaps in the fall; a camping trip, if she can find a willing friend; a ski trip to end all ski trips.

"I think I'd like to ski at least two green runs when I turn 100," she says.

Spoken by most 90-year-olds, that plan would sound just plain silly. But Bailey has a better chance than most. She has been skiing for 65 years and still skis regularly with the Silver Streaks, a local seniors club that remains active late into the season.

She was with the group last month, celebrating her birthday by skiing a few runs and munching on pizza at Arapahoe Basin.

She was the center of attention, says Streaks member Joyce Maile.

"It was very crowded, but after we were done skiing, Elsa decided to dance ... with her ski boots on," Maile says.

Bailey hikes at least once a week with a group of friends from church, except in the winter.

"I remember the first time Elsa told us she couldn't hike in the

winters with us, because she was skiing then," says Barb Kohlhaas, a member of the hiking group who has known Bailey for a decade. "I was amazed when she said that."

Bailey loves the outdoors and loves to be active even when she's not skiing or hiking.

She works in a small garden plot outside her apartment at the Medallion senior citizen complex, where she favors pansies and bleeding hearts, and helped place a peace pole, and she practices her ballroom dancing moves

"My family was very conservative, and college wasn't. At college, I learned to think for myself, and I began working on myself."

Elsa Bailey

weekly at the Colorado Springs Senior Center.

She is a practicing Sufi, following the Eastern mystical religion she embraced 30 years ago, after a lifetime as a "died in the wool" atheist.

And she has definite ideas about the world: Marijuana should be legalized, peace is the answer, and you are truly as old as you feel.

## Not much on cooking

Earlier in the week, as Bailey prepared for her regular hike, she relaxed in her apartment, where sunlight floods the floor-to-ceiling windows, illuminating Bailey's possessions that are stacked, strewn and haphazardly displayed on every free surface.

A coffee table holds a collection of crystals shaped into balls and polished.

A meditation area with incense holds a simple rug, candles and a

picture of Bailey's spiritual leader. Newspapers are piled and books fill chairside tables.

The kitchen is nearly buried in piles of papers and books as well, but that doesn't matter to Bailey.

"When I moved here, I decided to give up cooking altogether," she says.

Bailey moved to Colorado Springs 12 years ago from the foothills outside Oakland, where she lived for 45 years.

She'd been thinking about moving to Colorado; then, in 1991, her home went up in flames with 3,000 others in the worst urban fire to ever hit the United States.

"You have to be careful what you wish for," Bailey says. "I had decided to come here, and I was wistfully thinking it would be great if I didn't have so many things. Then, the fire came, and I lost all my things — even my kayak."

But she didn't lose her spirit. A tiny woman who says she just hits the 5-foot mark, Bailey is strong and nimble.

At the Fossil Beds, she hikes along at a speed that's respectable for any age; slowing a little on the uphill sections and jogging briskly on the downhill.

As she walks, she talks, in a soft, patrician accent that hints of an unknown European country.

"It's old Manhattan," she says.

## Life wasn't easy

She grew up in that New York borough, the youngest of six daughters of a successful, career-driven real estate mogul.

He lost everything in the stock market crash of 1929, then rebuilt his life in Florida.

Her life wasn't easy, she says. "Father wanted a boy, and I was the last try. He basically had no use for me. I had no self-respect and thought seriously of killing myself at age 10."

But Bailey decided that was too big a decision to make as a child; that she would wait until she was 26 to decide.

She made it through school and went to Sarah Lawrence College.

"It was a time of awakening to me," she says.

"My family was very conservative, and college wasn't. At college I learned to think for myself and I began working on myself."

Bailey had a brief marriage with no children, and went on to a career as an occupational therapist. "I've continued to work on myself and am still working," she says.

It wouldn't be accurate to say age hasn't slowed her down at all. She used to ski "steep and smooth" groomed black diamond runs until recently. Now, she stays on mostly intermediate slopes.

But that doesn't mean she doesn't try anymore.

"I'm always trying to be a better skier, every time I go out. I might have a minor setback, but I know I'll get better."

She's also fighting her failing eyesight, the result of macular degeneration.

She doesn't ski alone anymore, because she can't read the trail

signs far enough ahead.

On the Fossil Beds hike she has to squat down to ground level to examine a blooming pasque flower.

But Bailey believes it's a momentary setback — one she's working on. "I think my eyes will get better," she says.

Bailey attributes much of her attitude to her beliefs.

"Sufis teach you to be your best self. We believe in God and eternal life. We love our brothers."

Recently, Bailey traveled to India for a religious retreat. She loves to travel, usually alone, and has been on four continents.

A fan of TV documentaries, she has learned of several places she still wants to see for herself.

"I'd like to go to Norway to see the fjords. I'd like to see the polar bears in Hudson Bay."

And then there's that ski plan: to celebrate her 100th birthday on



ELSA BAILEY, 90, gets ready to hike at the Florissant Fossil Beds in Colorado. She hikes weekly, wearing a pair of ancient running shoes, a hat, a backpack, and a fanny pack.

## Surprises

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Unroll each about 1 inch when ready to decorate. Stand 1 inch of the reserved marshmallows on unrolled portion of each spiral for the "snail's body," securing with frosting. Insert 2 pieces of licorice into each marshmallow for "antennae," securing with additional frosting if desired. Makes 12 servings, 1 snail each.

**To Double:** Prepare gelatin mixture as directed, doubling all ingredients. Pour into 13x9-inch pan. Refrigerate as directed. For ease in handling, cut gelatin mixture in half crosswise before rolling up. Roll each half separately to form 2 rolls. Cut each roll into 12 slices. Decorate as directed.

Prep time: 15 minutes plus refrigerating

**FRUIT & MALLOW KABOBS**  
32 Jet-Puffed Marshmallows  
16 strawberries, washed, stemmed

4 kiwi, peeled, quartered  
16 cantaloupe cubes (1 inch)  
16 wooden skewers (8 inch)  
1 container (8 ounces) yogurt, any flavor

Arrange 2 marshmallows and 1 piece of each kind of fruit alternately on each skewer.

Serve with yogurt. Makes 8 servings. 2 skewers and 2 tablespoons yogurt each.

Prep time: 20 minutes.

**DIPPED PRETZEL BLOOMS**  
12 pretzel rods  
1 package (8 squares) semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted  
12 Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, finely chopped

Dip 1/2 of each pretzel rod into melted chocolate, turning to evenly coat end of rod.

Roll in cookie crumbs.

Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets; let stand about 1 hour or until chocolate is set. Makes 12 servings.

Prep time: 30 minutes plus standing.

## Creative Critters

Have chocolate sandwich cookies and miniature marshmallows on hand — as well as shoestring licorice, mini pretzel twists, decorating gel, melted chocolate and ready-to-spread frosting. Now your family is ready to make ants, cookie flowers and critters to inhabit their dream garden.

**CENTIPEDE**  
Stack 9 Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies together, spreading ready-to-spread white frosting between each cookie to secure;

stand on edge.

Secure an additional cookie with "smiley face" design, slightly higher than the other cookies, to one end with additional frosting to form the "centipede's head."

Attach desired number of Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows to each side of centipede with additional frosting for "legs" and 2 small pieces shoestring licorice to head for "antennae." Makes 1 centipede (5 servings).

**COOKIE FROG**  
Attach 2 mini pretzel twists to the bottom of a Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookie with ready-to-spread white frosting for "frog's legs." Attach 2 Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows to top of cookie with additional frosting for "eyes." Color eyes with decorating gel, if desired. Makes 1 frog.

**Variation — Cookie Butterfly:** Attach pretzels to bottom of cookie as directed above for "butterfly's wings." Turn cookie pretzel-side up. Attach 1 Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallow in front of wings for the "butterfly's head." Insert 2 small pieces of shoestring licorice into marshmallow for "antennae." Use decorating gel to draw "face." Makes 1 butterfly.

**FLOWER POP**  
Insert a wooden pop stick into a Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookie for top of "flower." Use

ready-to-spread white frosting to attach Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows around outside edge of cookie for "flower petals." Makes 1.

**CHOCOLATE-COVERED "ANT"**  
Dip 2 Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows in melted chocolate; attach end-by-end to form "ant's

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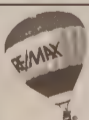
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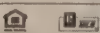
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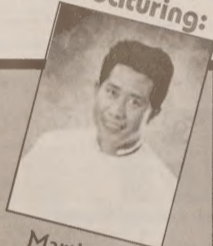
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# Pro design tips every college freshman should know before moving into the dorm

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Every year, just like clockwork, parents of college freshmen make the trip to a "Sheets, Towels and More"-type megastore with their teens in tow to load up on supplies for the college dorm.

Everything from bedding sets to lamps, stereos, posters, refrigerators and more get hauled into the family car to begin the college adventure. But is this the best approach to creating a great space for your child's new home away from home?

Having recently experienced these decorating challenges firsthand, Katie Musto, Melanie Posadas, Stephanie Swoboda and Mara Boston, interior design students at The Art Institute of Port-

land, agree to take it slow, check with your roommate about what he or she is bringing and try to coordinate. For example, if you have a small fridge and your roommate has a great stereo, you're already saving space.

Shop around before you head off to school for ideas, and don't "buy into that cheesy dorm room look," they suggest. For example, some stores sell room decor sets, including everything from rugs to clocks to desk accessories.

"You might like elements of it, but just pick and choose. If you buy the whole look, the dorm room will end up looking like a store display," they say.

Choose knick-knacks and other accessories carefully; the less you

have, the more spacious your room will appear. Another great tip the design students offer is to play around with the layout of existing dorm furniture.

Just because your furniture is one way when you get there doesn't mean you can't move the pieces around. You may find a better way to position a desk or bed that allows for better light or privacy.

Ronni Whitman, an instructor at The Art Institute of California—Orange County, says that once you get to your room, find out if you can paint, especially if your walls are beige or another neutral color.

If you can't paint, staple a fabric of your choice onto the walls.

Here's how: With a heavy-duty stapler, start in the corners. Staple at the crease between the ceiling and the wall; then stretch to the floor and staple there. Do the same thing in the middle of the fabric and the other end. Overlap about an inch and do the next panel of fabric the same way.

"Once you find a fabric you and your roommate really love, create a pulled-together look by using that same fabric for window curtains or a room divider," says Whitman. Both can be made with sheets and don't require any sewing, she adds. Look for inexpensive matching accent pillows at stores like T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, Ikea or Target.

John Franke of The Art Institute of Pittsburgh encourages college freshmen to make dorm purchases that can perform "double duty."

"Anything you purchase for a dorm room should create more storage space," says Franke. "Wicker baskets with lids, colorful boxes, shelving and organizational bins can be coordinated for your theme, but hide the clutter." Mass merchandisers, office supply stores and discount chains are good places to browse for storage options.

As for lighting, "don't even turn on fluorescent overhead dorm lighting," he says. "Check out contemporary task and mood lighting instead, available at stores like Ikea or Wal-Mart."

Just a few weeks before the new school year, dorms are already changing rooms.

For a few cents, dorms offer necessities to fill the dorm room, but they also offer a wide variety of sales and discounts. After all, dorms are a business, and they want to make as much money as possible.

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh offers a variety of dorm necessities throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.artinstitute.edu](http://www.artinstitute.edu).

## Make housekeeping a family affair

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What mom or dad doesn't enjoy breakfast in bed, a clean house and all of his or her chores completed. Maybe the kids will take care of them for you on your birthday or Father's Day. But, one of the best gifts a parent can ask for is conscientious children who help out year-round.

### Housework is a part of life for everyone

You prepare your children for adulthood by sending them to school — even though they may not always want to go. You also need to prepare them to manage and maintain a home, — though it may not always be fun.

So how do you solve the chore wars? By starting the learning process early, according to OrganizedHome.com, an online resource for home organization and management.

If your child looks at you in amazement when you hand him the mop, some of the blame must be focused in your direction.

If it's been the policy for as long as he's remembered that mom and dad take care of the household, then you shouldn't be surprised when the sight of cleaning supplies sends the kids running for cover.

There are many reasons parents tend to assume all of the

chore-doing. Perhaps you grew up in a home with heavy sex-role stereotypes or you may harbor resentment against your own parents for burdening you with too many chores and refuse to continue the cycle.

Or you may think that cleaning can be done more effectively, correctly and efficiently if you do it yourself. How do you fit into this picture? Now's the time to make chores a family routine.

### Small beginnings

For those of you with young children, you hold an advantage. You can introduce your kids to chores at an early age and help them learn it is truly a part of life.

Your toddler may look at the experience as a chance for fun — pre-schoolers enjoy being around their parents and working with them. It makes them feel important.

Even if the efforts of youngsters are more of a hindrance than help and you have to redo the chore, they are still learning valuable lessons and shouldn't be discouraged from pitching in.

### Slow but steady

If your children are at an age where they can be of help, resist the temptation to "get the troops" in line right away. You will only be met with defeat and aggravation.

It's best to introduce chores into the kids' lives gradually. Have one child help with laundry duty for a month while the other takes out the trash. Move up slowly to Saturday cleaning day with the family.

This method will give you a chance to teach all of the chores and you may receive less opposition to the idea when the kids aren't forced into anything from a parent who is distraught and agitated.

### Forget 'the right way'

Your way may be great, but don't assume there's only one method to accomplish every chore.

Show your method to your children and then let them develop their own style of handling the chore, within reason. Pre-rinsing the dinner dishes before loading them into the dishwasher shouldn't involve the garden hose or a hungry dog anxious for a lick of home cooking!

By following this advice, your next gift could just be a happier and more organized household.

## OFF THE SHELF:

# Sunflower cake sculpture; Nigella book; Billington's sugars

BY RENEE ENNA

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Bloomin' cake:** A cake becomes a sculpture with this lovely sunflower cake pan from NordicWare. We made the cake recipe that came with the pan; the cake turned out great (melted chocolate chips create the brown center), with a bonus of a bright yellow, sunflower-worthy interior.

The non-stick finish eases cleanup of this sturdy pan. It costs \$28 at Williams-Sonoma stores; it's also sold on the Internet at amazon.com.

**Ripe read:** Nigella Lawson's culinary splash continues to ripple around the world. Now the sexy Brit has a new book, "Forever Summer" (Hyperion, \$35), to add to her resume.

The ultra-conversational tone of these recipes will further endear Nigella to her fans, and drive Nigella-phobes certifiably bananas.

We prepared a main-dish shrimp curry that was a breeze to make, and represents the casual-



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meets-elegant approach of the dishes which referred to as "cute or annoying" (continues). The cream also looks like a real cake.

The cookbook Barnes & Noble has on amazon.com.

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## Two summer sauces that mate well with a variety of suitors

BY WILLIAM RICE  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"The function of a sauce," the "Larousse Gastronomique" tells us, "is to add a dish a flavor that is compatible with the ingredients." Happily, that description is not very restrictive. A cook can produce something pristine with, say, shallots, vinegar and butter; or combine unexpected ingredients, as long as the combination is moist enough to flow or be spread.

Spring and summer are high seasons for cold (usually room temperature) sauces, many based on mayonnaise (itself a sauce) or vinaigrette. They tend to be complex and lively tasting to provide counterpoint to simply prepared ingredients newly arrived in the market.

I have two such sauces in mind to enlighten fare of this season, one from each camp and representing both French and an Italian influence. Both come from the days when goodness, not calorie count, determined the cook's choices. But make no apology. Both are passed at table and each person may take the quantity that suits them.

One is white in color and made with mayonnaise plus a handful of crunchy savory ingredients. It's a Creole remoulade sauce from New Orleans that is a perfect match for whitefish. (There are red remoulades from the Crescent City as well, but not today.) The other is a green sauce (not very green, however, due to the red-orange tinge contributed by pimiento) that is well-suited to grilled or steamed vegetables, grilled or sautéed fish, pork or chicken.

### ALFREDO VIAZZI'S GREEN SAUCE

1 hard-cooked egg, peeled and coarsely chopped  
1 bunch parsley, large stems removed, coarsely chopped to yield 1 1/2 cups  
4 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped  
1/2 small onion, coarsely chopped  
1 piece whole red pimiento jar, sliced into 2-inch pieces  
2 teaspoons chopped garlic  
2 teaspoons small capers  
Fleishy ground black pepper

to taste

1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
1/3 cup olive oil

1. Place egg, parsley, anchovies, onion and pimiento in the bowl of a food processor and process until finely chopped. Add garlic, capers, black pepper and vinegar and process again. Pouring slowly with the machine running, add oil through the pour spout until all of it is absorbed.

2. Pour and scrape sauce into a bowl, cover and set aside for at least an hour, allowing the flavors to mellow.

3. Serve with grilled or steamed vegetables, cold or hot, such as artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower and zucchini. Serve as well with grilled chicken, pork or Italian sausage. Makes about 2 cups. Adapted from "Alfredo Viazzi's Italian Cooking."

### CREOLE WHITE REMOULADE

1 cup mayonnaise, homemade preferred

1 cup sour cream  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1 tablespoon chopped sour pickle

1 tablespoon capers, chopped if large

1 1/2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

1/2 teaspoon anchovy paste or 1 anchovy fillet, chopped

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon paprika

Salt and white pepper to taste

1. Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and stir with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until evenly distributed. Taste. If the mixture is not zingy enough, add lemon juice or vinegar and more salt and pepper.

2. To make shrimp remoulade, boil and peel 1 1/2 pounds shrimp. Transfer shrimp to a glass bowl and pour the sauce over them. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight, tossing once or twice. Serve on a bed of lettuce or on toothpicks. This remoulade is a delightful companion as well to crab meat, steamed mussels, crawfish and fried fish fillets. Makes about 2 1/2 cups. Adapted from "Creole Gumbo and All That Jazz" by Howard Mitcham.

## What will your tween (ages 12- 15) do this summer?

BY AMANDA ROGERS  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

His size 12 feet have been hanging off the end of the couch all day, and he doesn't really speak anymore; he just grunts. She used to be content with Mary Kate and Ashley movies and a closet full of Barbies, but now she won't stop telling you how "bored" she is.

Congratulations. Your child has crossed over to the Tween Zone, the no-parent's land between childhood and driving. Tweens, stuck between the ages of 12 and 15, really do have a beef when it's summer-time. They're too young to have real jobs and too old for most camps.

Unless you want your own summer to turn into a long, dark tunnel of tween angst, take action now. We've surveyed the experts — parents, pediatricians, camp counselors and tweens — to come up with five ways to pry their fingers off their video-game controls, boost their portfolios off the upholstery and give 'em a push out the door.

### 1. Have them create their own jobs

Ah, the moo-lah, the payoff, cash! Now, we're speaking tween talk. But how's a 13-year-old supposed to make mucho dinero.

"Kids can be creative," says Dr. Tim Jordan, a developmental and behavioral pediatrician and author of "Food Fights and Bedtime Battles," who suggests that tweens can offer art classes, cooking classes or camps for younger neighborhood kids.

"They can start their own basketball camp in the backyard and invite the kids in the neighborhood for a couple of days," he says. "Have a talent show, or put on a creative play. Teach the little kids how to do it, then put it on for their parents."

Enterprising tweens can go straight to retail. Jordan suggests having a group of kids pitch in to buy an ice-cream or sno-cone maker and then sell their goodies at a roadside stand and split the profit.

Or, they can offer their individual services. Brainstorm with your tween about what he or she would like to do, whether it's baby-sitting, cutting grass, gardening, walking dogs, feeding cats, bringing in mail or watering plants for people on vacation.

"I see a lot of stressed-out parents who would love to have a middle-schooler come to their house for an hour to play with the kids between the witching hours of 4 and 6 p.m.," says Jordan.

Encourage your tween to make

a "Kid for Hire" flier to leave on neighbors' doors before summer starts.

Ask teachers or other grown-ups for written references.

The flier should say that references are available and should also list any experience your child has that might show his or her qualifications for a particular job (Boy Scout, Red Cross-certified lifeguard, CPR-trained, etc.).

The odd jobs will keep your kid busy, boost his or her self-esteem and help your child with references when it's time to get a "real" job.

### 2. Encourage your kids to volunteer

Tweens can do a lot of things — they can help a little kid learn to read, mow an older person's grass or care for animals at a shelter. Volunteering gives your child work experience and helps someone else out in the process.

Ask at your local library, volunteer center or YMCA for lists of volunteer opportunities in your neighborhood.

Working for free? Think of it as working for the future. Want to be a veterinarian? Offer to walk the dogs for a local animal clinic. Want to see benefits now? Offer to volunteer at a bike shop or computer store.

"Volunteer in something that you have an interest in," Jordan says. "Even if you do the grunt work, you're around it. You're getting a little experience in a field you have an interest in, and it would look good on a resume."

The Volunteer Center of North Texas advises kids to look around their neighborhoods, see a problem and find a way to fix it.

"If there's graffiti in their neighborhoods, they can get their friends together and clean it up," says Tanya Blakeley, director of student programs. "Kids get a feeling of empowerment."

Churches, recreation centers, elderly relatives and grandparents are also good sources for volunteer opportunities. The benefits can last a long time.

"The younger the volunteer, the more apt they are to be a lifelong volunteer," Blakeley says. "Six out of 10 who begin volunteering by age 14 become lifetime volunteers. And anyone who volunteers makes a difference."

### 3 and 4. Send them back to school or camp just for them

Most kids aren't champing at the bit to go back to school, but have them consider going on their own

terms, to learn about something that really interests them.

Sign them up for classes in "photography, poetry, art or auto mechanics, anything that's not math," advises Jordan.

Classes can help develop a hobby or help get kids ready for a potential career.

There are also camps that are just for teens. No more arts and crafts here; we're talking field trips and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments.

### 5. Have them become camp counselors-in-training

Send your kid back to the camp they loved last year — and this time, help them take over the place.

Many camps have figured out a way to keep some of their best campers, train counselors and keep the kids from loafing all summer: Bring kids too old for camp back as counselors-in-training.

"We get a lot of calls from parents who are desperate," says Amy Boyd, vice president of outdoor programs and facilities for Camp Fire USA. "Their kids are not old enough to be home alone, but they don't want to be at 'little-kid camp,' as they say."

Two years ago, Camp Fire started the CIT (counselors in training) program for tweens entering the seventh and eighth grades at Campativity, a day camp at Lockheed Martin Recreation Area in Fort

Worth, Texas.

"When the kids go swimming, the CITs go swimming," Boyd says, so they're still having fun, even while they're helping supervise.

At Camp Thurman in Arlington, Texas, outdoor education director and CIT supervisor Cindy Hatchell sees her program as a tween's first job. Last year, Camp Thurman started a CITIT (counselor in training) program for tweens going into eighth grade, who then can apply to become CITs when they're 14 and 15 years old.

"They have to change their mindset from 'entertain me' to 'how can I serve you,'" Hatchell explains. "Our motto is: 'It's not about you.' They're role models. They've got 400 pairs of little eyes watching their every move. If they pick up a piece of trash, the campers will pick up a piece of trash."

Campativity, which pays for CITs to swim and have snacks, charges CITs \$70 per week, half the regular camp fee. Camp Thurman CITs pay \$125 for a week of training; then, if they are accepted back as CITs, they can earn \$50-\$75 per week.

Thirteen-year-old Ximena Dittel of Fort Worth enjoyed her church camp so much that she went back last year as a counselor, for free.

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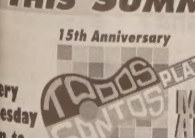


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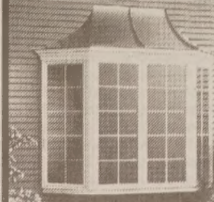
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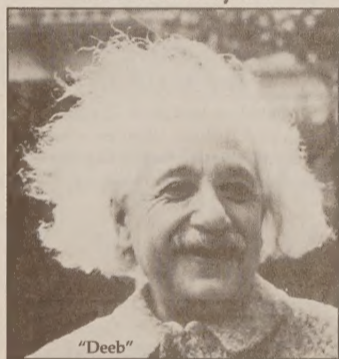
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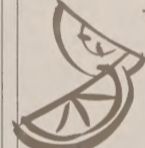
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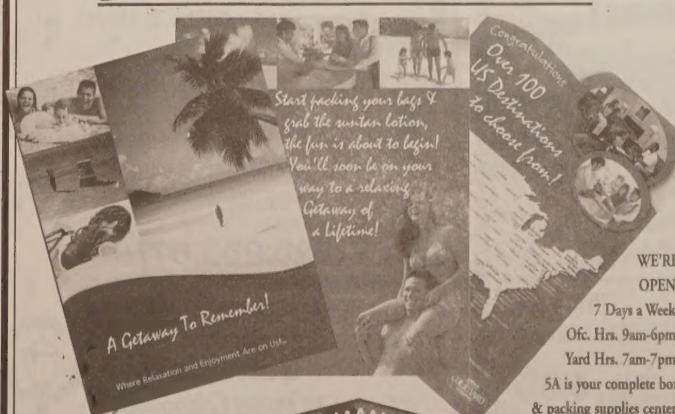
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